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TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1885.

Town Clerk.

SAMUEL A. BATES.

Treasurer.

DAVID H. BATES.

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, and Highway Surveyors.

ANSEL O. CLARK. J. MURRAY KNIGHT. J. FRANKLIN BATES.

School Committee.

SAMUEL A. BATES,	1888.	LAWRENCE H. H. JOHNSON,	1888.
T. HAVEN DEARING,	1887.	ALBERT E. AVERY,	1887.
MRS. ANNA M. BROOKS,	1886.	GEORGE H. ARNOLD,	1886.

Collector of Taxes.

JOSEPH DYER.

Constables.

HORACE FAXON.	THOMAS FALLON.
GILMAN D. WHITTAKER.	GEORGE W. WENTWORTH.
JOHN KELLEY, JR.	ALBERT HOBART.

Auditors.

GEORGE D. WILLIS. JOHN M. BEALS. ALVERDO MASON.

Engineers of Fire Department.

THOMAS SOUTH, *Chief.* J. W. DORITY, *Clerk.* M. A. PERKINS.

Registrars of Voters.

A. S. MORRISON, 1888.	EDWARD AVERY, 1887.
F. A. HOBART, 1886.	

Fence Viewers.

EDWARD HOBART. JOHN W. DORITY. ABIJAH ALLEN.

Superintendent of Schools.

JOHN F. CLARKE.

REPORT

OF THE

Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of the Poor, and Highway Surveyors.

IN accordance with the usual custom, the following report is respectfully submitted, showing the appropriations and expenditures for the year ending Jan. 31, 1886 : —

At the annual town meeting, the following sums were raised and appropriated : —

For support of schools	.	.	.	.	\$8,200 00
Incidentals for schools	.	.	.	.	300 00
Incidentals for schoolhouses	.	.	.	.	300 00
Text-books and supplies	.	.	.	.	800 00
Superintendent of schools	.	.	.	.	1,200 00
Grading Union schoolhouse yard	.	.	.	.	200 00
Grading Pond schoolhouse yard	.	.	.	.	100 00
Grading East schoolhouse yard, etc.	.	.	.	.	150 00
Grading Iron Works schoolhouse yard, etc.	.	.	.	.	100 00
General repairs on highways	.	.	.	.	2,000 00
Repair and construction of stone roads	.	.	.	.	3,000 00
Interest on town debt	.	.	.	.	2,000 00
Town officers	.	.	.	.	2,000 00
Poor in almshouse	.	.	.	.	2,500 00
Poor out of almshouse	.	.	.	.	1,500 00
Fire Department	.	.	.	.	2,200 00
Removal of snow	.	.	.	.	300 00
Incidental expenses	.	.	.	.	1,200 00
Public Library	.	.	.	.	650 00
Janitor	.	.	.	.	600 00
Improvement of town lands	.	.	.	.	200 00
Grand Army of the Republic	.	.	.	.	150 00

Bounty to C. L. Holbrook and Edward Huff .	\$250 00	
Delivering books from Public Library .	100 00	
Widening Elm Street	900 00	
Printing ancient records	330 00	
Reduction of town debt	1,000 00	
		\$32,230 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

Building Pleasant Street	\$200 00	
Road machine	200 00	
Text-books and supplies	150 00	
Extra for schools	50 00	
Shingling Southeast schoolhouse . .	75 00	
		\$675 00

HIGH SCHOOL.

Paid C. E. Stetson, teaching 8 weeks, at \$35		
per week	\$280 00	
C. E. Stetson, teaching 32 weeks, at \$30		
per week	960 00	
Carrie M. Bassett, teaching 20 weeks,		
at \$11.25 per week	225 00	
Carrie M. Bassett, teaching 12 weeks,	153 75	
Lydia C. Nye, teaching 8 weeks, at		
\$11.25 per week	90 00	
E. P. Hayward, teaching music . .	45 00	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, for coal . .	68 25	
Charles Thayer, for kindlings . .	60	
M. Williams, for kindlings	3 60	
		\$1,826 20

POND SCHOOL.

Paid H. E. Wentworth, teaching 40 weeks,		
at \$15 per week	\$600 00	
S. Ella Torrey, teaching 40 weeks, at		
\$8 per week	320 00	
Elizabeth M. Thompson, teaching 40		
weeks, at \$8 per week	320 00	
Sarah L. Arnold, teaching 19 $\frac{4}{5}$ weeks,		
at \$7 per week	138 60	

Paid Sarah L. Arnold, teaching 20 weeks at	
\$8 per week	\$160 00
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, for coal	84 00
M. L. Tupper, for coal	18 75
Paul De Lang, cleaning clock	50
Charles Thayer, for kindlings	80
M. Williams, for kindlings	10 20
	\$1,652 85

UNION SCHOOL.

Paid Wellington Record, teaching 20 weeks,	
at \$15 per week	\$300 00
Charles W. Bean, teaching 20 weeks,	
at \$15 per week	300 00
Ida W. Beal, teaching 8 weeks, at \$8	
per week	64 00
Sara H. Carter, teaching 20 weeks, at	
\$8 per week	160 00
Sarah L. Hadley, teaching 32 weeks, at	
\$8 per week	256 00
Abbie A. Mills, teaching 40 weeks, at	
\$8 per week	320 00
Susan O. Lane, teaching 20 weeks, at	
\$8 per week	160 00
George E. Jones, care of house	25 10
Edwin F. Walkins, care of house	90 35
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal	90 80
E. P. Hayward, tuning piano	1 50
	\$1,767 75

IRON WORKS SCHOOL.

Paid Alverdo Mason, teaching 20 weeks, at	
\$15	\$300 00
J. Edward Pickering, teaching 20 weeks,	
at \$15	300 00
Inez A. Penniman, teaching 8 weeks, at	
\$8	64 00
Avis A. Thayer, teaching 40 weeks, at \$8,	320 00
Adelaide A. Scott, teaching 32 weeks,	
at \$8	256 00

Paid William B. Morse, Jr., care of house .	\$28 00	
Mrs. L. B. Morse, cleaning house .	11 70	
William Orr, care of house .	70 00	
J. F. Sheppard, coal .	83 50	
J. Donaldson, sawing wood .	3 75	
M. Williams, kindlings .	7 80	
		\$1,444 75

EAST SCHOOL.

Paid Victoria P. Wilde, teaching $39\frac{4}{5}$ week		
at \$11 $\frac{1}{4}$.	\$447 75	
Nellie L. Burt, teaching 31 weeks, at \$8,	248 00	
Rachella R. Kempton, teaching 9 weeks,		
at \$8 .	72 00	
Jesse Burrell, care of house .	54 75	
Jesse Burrell, sawing wood .	3 30	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal .	21 00	
M. Williams, kindlings .	5 40	
		\$852 20

SOUTH SCHOOL.

Paid M. E. C. Bannon, teaching 40 weeks,		
at \$8 .	\$320 00	
S. Lizzie Tenney, care of house .	4 50	
Mary E. Tenney, care of house .	3 00	
Louisa D. Tenney, care of house .	3 00	
George T. Fallon, care of house .	1 88	
Henry F. Brusio, care of house .	3 28	
Arthur Getchel, care of house .	1 88	
J. F. Sheppard, coal .	15 75	
M. L. Tupper, coal .	6 25	
M. Williams, kindlings .	5 40	
		\$365 04

SOUTHEAST SCHOOL.

Paid Margaret G. King, teaching 40 weeks,		
at \$6 .	\$240 00	
Martha Penniman, care of house .	17 45	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal .	15 75	
M. Williams, kindlings .	4 80	
		\$278 00

SOUTHWEST SCHOOL.

Paid Helen A. Record, teaching 40 weeks,	
at \$6	\$240 00
Ada F. Thayer, care of house . .	9 00
Hiram A. Hayden, " " . .	6 00
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal . .	10 50
M. L. Tupper, coal	6 25
	—————
	\$271 75

WEST SCHOOL.

Paid Susan O. Lane, teaching $19\frac{3}{5}$ weeks, at	
\$6	\$117 60
Lucy E. Keith, teaching 20 weeks, at \$6,	120 00
Elisha Savill, care of house . .	15 00
J. T. Sheppard & Sons, coal . .	15 75
M. Williams, kindlings	9 60
	—————
	\$277 95

MIDDLE STREET SCHOOL.

Paid Mary L. Crowe, teaching 40 weeks, at \$8,	\$320 00
Orrin W. Hollis, care of house . .	15 00
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal . .	10 50
M. Williams, kindlings	3 60
	—————
	\$349 10

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS.

Paid John F. Clarke, services as superinten-	
dent 9 months	\$900 00

INCIDENTALS FOR SCHOOLS.

Paid John Taylor, water pail, Iron Works .	\$0 50
Paul De Lang, cleaning clock, South-	
west	1 50
Paul De Lang, cleaning clock, Middle	
Street	1 50
Paul De Lang, cleaning clock, Iron	
Works	1 25

Paid Paul De Lang, cleaning clock, Union .	\$1 00
E. H. Frary, cleaning clocks, Iron Works	1 00
Albert F. Hall, engrossing diplomas, High	2 50
H. A. Pettengill, supplies, East . . .	4 76
O. M. Rogers, repairs on stoves and pipes, High	37 00
O. M. Rogers, repairs on stoves and supplies	12 55
O. M. Rogers, repairs on stoves and pipes, Union	26 60
O. M. Rogers, repairs on stoves and pipes, Pond	19 85
O. M. Rogers, repairs on stoves and pipes, West	3 00
O. M. Rogers, repairs on stoves and pipes, Southwest	3 00
O. M. Rogers, repairs on stoves and pipes, South	3 00
O. M. Rogers, repairs on stoves and pipes, Southeast	3 00
O. M. Rogers, repairs on stoves and pipes, Middle Street	2 50
J. I. Bates, repairs on stoves and pipes, East	17 20
G. B. Bates, repairs on stoves and pipes, Iron Works	54 53
Mrs. E. Savill, cleaning house, West .	4 00
H. B. Vinton, removing chairs, Union .	25
C. H. Hobart, supplies, Pond . . .	7 27
C. H. Hobart, supplies, Southeast . .	37
C. H. Hobart, supplies, South . . .	47
C. H. Hobart, supplies, High . . .	2 67
J. M. Arnold, supplies, Union . . .	3 14
H. Dana, supplies, Middle Street . .	3 50
Botton Journal Co., advertising . . .	6 00
E. Savill, supplies, West	1 60
G. B. Rates, repairs on stoves and pipes, Iron Works	4 83

Paid S. W. Pratt, repairs on stoves and pipes,		
Iron Works	\$2 06	
Hollis & Weeks, supplies, Union . . .	75	
Hollis & Weeks, supplies, West . . .	42	
		\$233 57

INCIDENTALS FOR SCHOOLHOUSES.

Paid Charles Thayer, cash paid for repairs		
on lock, High School	\$1 00	
O. M. Rogers, repairs on pump, Pond .	1 50	
Luke Mulligan, cleaning vault, Iron		
Works	2 50	
J. H. Macandrew, setting glass and		
painting Union	18 25	
J. H. Macandrew, setting glass and		
painting Southwest	1 00	
J. H. Macandrew, setting glass and		
painting West	1 00	
J. H. Macandrew, setting glass and		
painting Middle Street	1 25	
J. H. Macandrew, setting glass and		
painting Iron Works	4 10	
J. H. Macandrew, setting glass and		
painting East	1 62	
J. H. Macandrew, setting glass and		
painting Southeast	1 38	
J. H. Macandrew, setting glass and		
painting South	1 00	
William Orr, setting glass, Iron Works,	5 00	
Andrew Dyer, grading yard, Southeast,	5 25	
L. A. Dyer, grading yard, Southeast .	2 25	
I. F. Vinton, 18 loads of gravel, South-		
east	1 08	
Andrew Dyer, grading yard, South .	1 75	
L. A. Dyer, grading yard, South . . .	75	
J. T. Clark, cash paid for repairs, Mid-		
dle Street	6 18	
B. J. Loring, Jr., labor and stock, Iron		
Works	15 30	
William May, cleaning vault, Union .	3 50	

Paid Mary Viger, cleaning house, East .	\$12 00	
Thomas Penniman, repairs on Pond .	6 50	
Thomas Penniman, repairs on South .	4 50	
Thomas Penniman, repairs on South-east	5 18	
Thomas Penniman, repairs on Middle Street	4 87	
Thomas Penniman, repairs on West .	2 25	
Thomas Penniman, repairs on South-west	1 25	
Thomas Penniman, repairs on High .	4 10	
Henry Gardner, tables for schools .	38 43	
Moses Hunt, cleaning vault, Pond .	4 00	
C. C. Webster, labor and stock, Union,	20 62	
C. C. Webster, labor and stock, Middle Street	14 12	
T. B. Stoddard, labor and stock, Pond,	25 03	
T. B. Stoddard, labor and stock, High,	9 00	
Hayward Brothers, labor and stock, East	11 72	
A. K. Bates, repairs, Iron Works .	3 25	
H. M. White, door knob, Pond .	20	
J. T. Clark, cash paid for glass, South-east	25	
J. M. Arnold, hooks and screws, Union,	3 51	
C. W. Hobart, labor and stock, Union,	97 87	
Martha Penniman, setting glass, South-east	1 55	
T. B. Stoddard, setting glass, Pond .	1 60	
		\$347 46

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Appropriation	\$950 00
Paid Knight, Adams & Co., supplies, etc. .	\$180 78
William Ware & Co., supplies . .	100 64
Harper Brothers, supplies . . .	66 25
C. W. Whiting, supplies . . .	239 89
E. P. Allen, supplies . . .	3 57
Thomas Todd	18 75
George Frost & Co.	16 00

Paid Porter & Coates	\$47 18
J. L. Hammett	38 20
Boston School Supply Company	40 41
Clark & Maynard	22 50
Iveson, Blakeman, Taylor & Co.	16 50
Thompson, Brown & Co.	31 34
Ginn & Co.	22 04
Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.	18 40
Cowperthwaite & Co.	21 40
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn	26 00
F. M. Ambrose	50 97
D. Appleton & Co.	19 76
Harrison & Hume	3 75
George F. King	6 67
C. W. Clarke	12 00
Prang Educational Company	12 80
C. B. Woodsum, expressing	13 10
J. T. Clarke, horse hire	1 00
Thomas B. Vinton, expressing	3 75
J. T. Clarke, cash paid expressing	50
	\$1,034 15

GRADING YARD UNION SCHOOLHOUSE.

Appropriation	\$200 00
Paid Andrew Dyer, 7 days, self and team, \$3.50	\$24 50
T. F. Finnegan, 5 days, self, at \$2.00	10 00
T. F. Finnegan, 7 days, team, at \$1.50	10 50
J. E. Finnegan, 5 days, self and team, \$3.00	15 00
James Maher, 8½ days, at \$1.75	14 88
George E. Arnold, 9½ days, at \$1.50	14 25
Francis H. Thayer, 5 days, at \$1.50	7 50
Michael O'Brien, 1 day, at \$1.75	1 75
John McGlincy, 2 days, at \$1.50	3 00
John Maher, 6 days, at \$1.50	9 00
Thomas Finnegan, 4 days, at \$1.75	7 00
William Spear, 1 day, at \$1.50	1 50
Michael Bentley, 1 day, at \$1.50	1 50

Paid Thayer Academy, 115 loads of gravel, 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ c.	\$19 16	
B. L. Morrison, 35 loads of gravel, 12c.	4 20	
N. E. Hollis, 177 loads of gravel, 10c.	17 70	
To widening Elm Street, 66 loads of gravel, 10c.	6 60	
Josiah F. Holbrook, 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.75,	11 37	
To highway teams, 6 days, at \$3.00 .	18 00	
Edward Hobart, posts	4 90	
		\$202 31

GRADING YARD POND SCHOOLHOUSE.

Appropriation		\$100 00
Paid T. F. Finnegan, 3 days, self and team, \$3.50	\$10 50	
J. E. Finnegan, 1 day, self and team .	3 00	
J. E. Finnegan, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, self	2 25	
Andrew Dyer, 3 days, self and team .	10 50	
Andrew Dyer, 248 loads of gravel, 10c.,	24 80	
Lawrence A. Dyer, 1 day, at \$1.50 .	1 50	
Francis H. Thayer, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, at \$1.50 .	75	
John McGlinchy, 3 days, at \$1.50 . .	4 50	
John Maher, 3 days, at \$1.50	4 50	
George E. Arnold, 3 days, at \$1.50 . .	4 50	
James Maher, 3 days, at \$1.75	5 25	
Josiah F. Holbrook, 3 days, at \$1.75 .	5 25	
Thomas Finnegan, 3 days, at \$1.75 . .	5 25	
Highway teams, 3 days, at \$3.00 . . .	9 00	
		\$91 55

GRADING YARD EAST DISTRICT.

Appropriation		\$150 00
Paid William H. Spear, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 .	\$2 25	
Peter Lowson, 1 day	1 50	
F. H. Thayer, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	2 25	
Thomas Arthur, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.75 . . .	2 62	
James Donaldson, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 . .	2 25	
John Doherty, 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ days	2 25	

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Paid Heirs of Caleb Stetson, 10 loads of		
gravel, at 12c.	\$1 20	
Highway teams, 1½ days, at \$3.00	4 50	
Hayward Brothers, building fence	50 00	
William Allen, building wall	80 00	
		\$148 82

REPAIRS ON IRON WORKS SCHOOLHOUSE.

Appropriation	\$100 00	
Paid Benjamin J. Loring, Jr., laying floor	\$95 00	
		\$95 00

ALMSHOUSE.

Dr.

Appropriation	\$2,500 00	
Appraisal Feb. 1, 1885	\$2,023 43	
Paid Morrill Williams, superintendent	350 00	
Morrill Williams, cash paid for sundries, ...	45 10	
R. H. White & Co., dry goods	9 50	
John F. Nickerson & Co., groceries	77 43	
B. S. Snow, fish	4 00	
Houghton & Dutton, spoons	2 36	
Edward Hobart, wood	68 25	
O. M. Rogers, tinware and repairs	16 81	
C. I. Craibe, pigs	20 00	
Keeler & Co., window curtains and		
chairs	55 49	
Howard W. Spurr & Co., groceries	73 72	
Hired help in house	118 50	
F. W. Morrell & Co., butter	51 97	
T. H. Libby, hay, \$28.35 ; pigs, \$8.00	36 35	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal	233 54	
J. F. Sheppard & Son, ice	11 85	
Hovey & Co., garden seeds	45	
Henry Gardner, lumber and fixing		
wringer	6 85	
W. A. Torrey, medicine	14 20	
Summer & Thayer, hay and grain	31 83	
George Sumner, hay and grain	\$97 70	
Ambler & Hobart, grain	156 40	

Paid F. O. Whitmarsh, whitewashing . . .	\$13 75	
A. S. Kane & Co., dry goods . . .	17 11	
E. F. E. Thayer, standing grass . . .	22 00	
W. H. Cobb, garden seeds . . .	1 59	
Braintree Clothing Store, clothing, boots and shoes	69 97	
P. J. Starr, fish	8 46	
A. Tracy, fish	4 30	
W. A. Hodges, bread and crackers . . .	53 45	
John Rennie, hay	17 00	
C. H. Hobart, groceries	81 59	
H. M. White, groceries	104 37	
J. M. Arnold, groceries	70 85	
Hollis & Weeks, groceries	34 94	
Bradford & Mansfield, groceries . . .	9 69	
Rodolphus Porter, meat	90 06	
J. Sampson, meat	52 58	
Jordan, Marsh & Co., cotton cloth . . .	6 52	
Carpenter, Woodward & Morton, shellac, . .	5 75	
C. G. Anderson, repairs on wagon . . .	16 00	
Edward Shay, blacksmith work	14 90	
Ford & McCormick, burial of John Robinson	10 00	
H. B. Whitman, repairs on harness . . .	2 00	
E. F. E. Thayer, standing wood	5 25	
Noah Torrey, medical attendance on John Robinson	7 00	
Noah Torrey, medical attendance on inmates	7 50	
Noah Torrey, medical attendance on Sarah Davidson	1 50	
S. W. Pratt, plumbing	1 48	
C. B. Woodsum, expressing	11 65	
		\$4,246 99

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Appraisal Feb. 1, 1886	\$2,067 61	
To board of highway teams	280 50	
To building drag	1 50	
To kindlings for schools and Town House . .	60 60	
To labor and produce sold	94 45	
		\$2,504 66

Total cost of poor in almshouse	\$17,42 33
Less amounts due from State	\$107 18
Less amounts due from Holbrook	93 60
	200 78
	\$1,541 55

INMATES OF THE ALMSHOUSE.

	AGE.	DAYS.
George Littlefield	59	365
Thomas Buker	55	365
Tristram Dalton	75	365
Thomas B. Coffin	80	365
Joseph Gunning	70	82
Charles Hayden	79	365
Charles Hayden, 2d	57	365
John Sommers	88	365
Frederic Bunker	38	64
John Hennesey	27	365
William Callahan	37	365
Johanna McMahan	90	365
Sally White	80	365
Mary A. Littlefield	68	365
Caroline N. Littlefield	61	365
Maria Barton	63	90
Mary Goodman	47	365
Elizabeth Penniman	70	365
Jane K. Dyer	51	87
Margaret Slavin	75	365
John Robinson	38	251
Sarah McCornish	47	90
Sarah Davidson	20	16
245 vagrants	.	245
22 prisoners	.	22
Total number of days		6,787
Total number of weeks		969 $\frac{4}{7}$
Total cost per week		\$1.79
Due from State for John Robinson		\$101 57
Due from State for Sarah Davidson		5 61
Due from Town of Holbrook for Sally White		93 60
		\$200 78

APPRAISAL AT ALMHOUSE, FEB. 1, 1886.

1 horse	\$250 00	Stone tools	\$1 00
1 cow	50 00	Beetle and wedges .	1 00
3 pigs	15 00	1 bush scythe . . .	85
1 covered wagon .	90 00	1 pair hames	1 25
1 express wagon .	12 00	1 sickle	50
1 hay wagon . . .	40 00	1 whiffletree and 6	
1 farm wagon . . .	10 00	chains	2 75
2 tip carts	70 00	4 steel drills	7 00
1 horse sled	3 00	2 saw-horses	50
1 sleigh	8 00	1 bench	25
1 harrow	2 50	Coal sifter	50
2 snow ploughs . .	14 00	Curry-comb and	
2 ploughs	7 00	brush, etc.	1 00
1 wheelbarrow . . .	3 00	New rope	1 25
3 harnesses	24 00	Meadow shoes	1 00
71 fowl	53 00	1 drag	5 00
8 cords of manure .	48 00	Ice tongs	75
Hay and straw . . .	10 00	Hose and carriage . .	28 00
3 ladders	5 00	4 scythes and snaths	1 75
9 hay and manure		5 axes and 5 saws . .	5 00
forks	4 00	10½ cords of wood . .	52 50
2 iron rakes	75	Standing wood	22 50
5 hay rakes	75	5 cords of wood cut	
Hay ropes	1 00	and split	40 00
4 hoes	1 00	Towels	5 00
Iron bar	1 00	Tablecloths	6 50
3 picks and six		Spoons, knives, and	
shovels	5 00	forks	5 00
Grindstone	4 00	4 oil cans and oil . .	3 00
Work bench and		Ice chest	2 50
tools	4 00	4 stoves and range . .	80 00
Bush hook	60	Soap	5 44
Bill hook	50	Tobacco and snuff . .	2 75
Robes and blank-		Tobacco cutter	75
ets	3 00	6¼ barrels flour . . .	37 50
Steel balances . . .	2 75	1 tub	50
Wheel-jack and		6 water pails	1 75
wrench	1 50	6 wash tubs	3 50

4 baskets and 4 wash-boards . .	\$3 45	1 chest of drawers .	\$2 50
Meal chest and meal, 1 00		1 woollen carpet .	10 00
24 meal bags . .	6 00	Oilcloth carpet and mat	6 75
2 bushels of beans, .	4 00	1 wheel chair . .	10 00
65 bushel of potatoes,	55 25	1 sewing machine .	25 00
Vegetables	6 00	5 pounds coffee . .	78
1½ bushel seed peas,	4 50	13 pounds tea . .	6 50
1¼ bushel grass seed,	2 50	150 pounds sugar .	10 50
4½ tons coal	26 00	65 pound lards . .	7 15
250 pounds pork . .	25 00	10 gallons molasses and barrel	3 50
1 boiler	2 00	32 pounds butter .	8 80
104 pounds ham . .	12 00	Crackers	50
2 pork barrels . .	2 00	Vinegar	50
Hand-cuffs	1 00	Eggs	60
Iron, stone, tin and wooden ware . .	16 00	Preserves, provisions, and spices	12 00
Crockery and glass-ware	15 00	Salt fish	60
Extension table . .	8 00	Washing machine .	75
2 brushes, 12 brooms and 2 dusters . .	4 00	22 wire window screens	8 50
3 looking-glasses .	1 50	2 tables, and 1 pair clamps	1 00
2 wire screen doors,	1 50	Sole leather	75
Lamps and lanterns	2 50	6 clothes lines . .	1 25
1 churn	1 00	100 pounds squash .	1 50
Clothes horses . .	1 00	Bed pan	1 50
Clothes wringer . .	4 00	Rubber blanket . .	1 00
Coal hods	50	Sweet corn	7 00
Set of measures . .	1 50	1 trunk	50
Butter stamp . . .	75	20 chambers	10 00
2 clocks	11 67	7 dust-pans	50
2 chests	1 50	1 canvas mattress .	2 00
8 spittoons	5 00	Piece wool carpet .	3 00
Closet	1 00	1 wooden bedstead .	5 00
Bell	50	1 wooden bedstead .	2 00
7 flat irons	2 00	2 tables and covers .	8 00
1 desk	5 00	36 barrels	4 50
2 rocking chairs . .	3 50	6 door mats	4 00

1 water pot . . .	\$0 87	35 pillows . . .	\$24 25
1 dining table . .	6 00	2 spring balances .	50
1 pine table . . .	2 00	3 crutches . . .	75
22 iron bedstead . .	162 80	1 air pillow . . .	2 25
3 iron beadsteads .	15 00	Window curtains .	43 75
28 mattresses . .	50 00	24 chairs	24 00
29 pairs blankets . .	48 50	32 chairs	16 00
17 feather beds . .	85 00	12 chairs	9 00
31 comforters . .	15 50	10 tables	15 00
3 white bed-spreads	3 00	1 new dining table .	3 00
96 sheets	48 00		
65 pillow-cases . .	13 00		
			\$2,067 61

POOR OUT OF ALMSHOUSE.

Appropriation	\$1,500 00
Paid Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of	
Jacob Veasie	\$217 10
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of	
Harriet Dyer	186 71
Taunton Lunatic Hospital, support of	
William Kincaide	186 97
State Treasurer, support of T. E. Doyle	
at Reform School	6 86
	\$597 64

Andrew Nightengale.

Paid M. L. Tupper, fuel	\$14 95
H. M. White, groceries	1 98
C. H. Hobart	1 50
	18 43

Edward H. Mellus.

Paid M. L. Tupper, coal	\$17 00
	17 00

Mrs. Nightengale.

Paid M. L. Tupper, coal	\$19 50
C. H. Hobart, groceries	8 38
H. M. White, groceries	12 00
	39 88

Nightengale Boy.

Paid Braintree Clothing Store, clothing .	\$13 00	
		\$13 00

Susanna and Betsy Wild.

Paid C. H. Hobart, groceries . . .	\$60 87	
Sumner & Thayer, wood . . .	14 00	
Andrew Dyer, wood . . .	4 50	
T. F. Finnegan, wood . . .	12 25	
Lewis Belcher, wood . . .	6 75	
James E. Hobart, sawing wood . .	3 75	
		102 12

Elizabeth Saunders.

Paid C. H. Hobart, groceries . . .	\$52 20	
Noah Torrey, medical attendance .	1 50	
A. R. Dickenson, medicine . . .	1 10	
		54 80

Langley Boy.

Paid Braintree Clothing Store, clothing .	\$9 50	
		9 50

Edward Huff and Family.

Paid Noah Torrey, medical attendance .	\$10 00	
W. A. Torrey, medicine . . .	95	
		10 95

R. M. Loring.

Paid J. F. Sheppard, coal . . .	\$5 65	
John Taylor, groceries . . .	15 00	
		20 65

Mary Rafferty.

Paid cash aid	\$4 00	
		4 00

Thomas J. Dalton.

Paid H. A. Pettengill, groceries . . .	\$12 00	
Horace Dana, groceries . . .	4 00	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal . . .	3 65	
John Crane, shoes . . .	4 75	
James Wilson, groceries . . .	2 00	
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance .	3 00	
		29 40

Gorman Children.

Paid H. A. Pettengill, groceries . . .	\$102 00	
John Crane, shoes . . .	9 05	
John Taylor, groceries . . .	2 00	
		\$113 05

Terence Starr.

Paid J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal . . .	\$14 35	
H. A. Pettengill, groceries . . .	2 00	
John Crane, shoes . . .	9 75	
James Wilson, groceries . . .	8 00	
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance . . .	5 51	
		39 61

George C. Buker.

Paid H. A. Pettengill, groceries . . .	\$21 50	
John Crane, shoes . . .	2 85	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal . . .	10 95	
G. A. Bowditch, meat . . .	2 65	
James Wilson, groceries . . .	3 50	
D. J. Pierce, medicine . . .	3 20	
		44 65

Thomas J. Griffin.

Paid H. A. Pettengill, groceries . . .	\$8 80	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal . . .	7 30	
James Wilson, groceries . . .	4 00	
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance . . .	2 67	
		22 77

James Miller.

Paid H. A. Pettengill, groceries . . .	\$1 82	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal . . .	3 40	
		5 22

Charles E. Goodnow.

Paid J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal . . .	\$3 75	
H. A. Pettengill, groceries . . .	6 00	
R. A. Gage, wood . . .	3 75	
		13 50

Joseph Gunning.

Paid H. A. Pettengill, groceries . . .	\$2 50	
		\$2 50

William H. Mulligan.

Paid J. F. Sheppard, coal . . .	\$3 65	
George F. Wilson, groceries . . .	16 13	
Town of Quincy, aid . . .	14 36	
		34 14

Harriet L. Mansfield.

Paid town of Randolph, aid . . .	\$79 00	
		79 00

Mrs. Saunderson and Family.

Paid town of Randolph, aid . . .	\$108 62	
		108 62

Samuel E. Whitmarsh.

Paid town of Pembroke, aid . . .	\$66 70	
		66 70

Leonardo Morales.

Paid town of Weymouth, aid . . .	\$15 04	
		15 04
Paid City of Boston, aid to Annie Eagan .	\$9 50	
City of Boston, aid to Hanlon Child .	14 71	
City of Boston, aid to Catherine Feeney,	1 68	
City of Boston, aid to Mary Rafferty .	4 00	
City of Boston, aid to Laben Joy .	18 75	
		48 64

Albert T. Pool.

Paid A. L. Chace, medical attendance . .	\$3 00	
		3 00
Paid city of Cambridge, aid to McKinley boy,	\$10 00	
		10 00

Miss E. Nason.

Paid Benj. F. Smith, medicine . . .	\$31 20	
		31 20

Harrington Child.

Paid T. H. Dearing, medical attendance . . .	\$1 34	
	————	\$1 34

Jane K. Dyer.

Paid W. A. Torrey, medicine . . .	\$0 25	
	————	25

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS AND CITIES.

Mrs. A. L. Cole and Family (charged to Brockton).

Paid Henry M. White, groceries . . .	\$104 00	
M. L. Tupper, coal . . .	36 00	
	————	140 00

William R. Lynch and Family (charged to Brockton).

Paid H. M. White, groceries . . .	\$24 00	
C. H. Hobart, shoes . . .	1 50	
Noah Torrey, medical attendance . . .	3 50	
	————	29 00

Mrs. E. Burke and Daughter (charged to Foxboro').

Paid W. A. Torrey, medicine . . .	\$13 40	
Noah Torrey, medical attendance . . .	17 50	
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance . . .	2 67	
J. M. Arnold, groceries . . .	14 00	
A. R. Dickenson, medicine . . .	1 50	
	————	49 07

John Robinson (charged to State).

Paid Margaret Deviney, aid . . .	\$12 00	
F. F. Forsaith, medical attendance . . .	2 00	
David J. Pierce, medicine . . .	85	
	————	14 85

Sarah Davidson (charged to State).

Paid G. W. Tinkham, medical attendance . . .	\$2 00	
D. J. Pierce, medicine . . .	75	
James B. Ford, conveyance to alms- house	1 50	
	————	4 25

Lizzie Decost (charged to State).

Paid T. H. Dearing, medical attendance	. . . \$6 00	
		\$6 00

Levi A. Bates (charged to Hingham).

Paid J. F. Sheppard & Sons, fuel	. . . \$14 50	
		14 50

Lydia Peterson (charged to Provincetown).

Paid J. F. Sheppard, fuel	. . . \$21 50	
		21 50

Morris O'Connor (charged to State).

Paid John Taylor, groceries	. . . \$7 00	
John Crane, shoes	. . . 3 10	
H. A. Pettengill, groceries	. . . 2 00	
		12 10

Willie T. McCormick (charged to Chelsea).

Paid J. M. Arnold, supplies	. . . \$2 00	
H. A. Pettengill, supplies	. . . 40	
John Kelley, transportation to Chelsea	. . . 4 59	
		699 00

Henry Ford (charged to Rockland).

Paid Daniel W. Ford, aid	. . . \$67 50	
		67 50

Maurice Gurney (charged to Harvard).

Paid James Wilson, groceries	. . . \$2 50	
J. F. Sheppard, coal	. . . 5 30	
John Crane, shoes	. . . 2 50	
T. H. Dearing, medical attendance	. . . 2 00	
		12 30

Jean Buptiste Benjamin (charged to State).

Paid G. C. Hallenbeck, burial of	. . . \$10 00	
		10 00

Lawrence Leavett (charged to Randolph).

Paid John Taylor, groceries	. . . \$2 00	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, fuel	. . . 2 00	
		4 00

Henry J. Willey (charged to Quincy).

Paid James Wilson, groceries	\$4 00	
		\$4 00

John Sheehan (to Weymouth).

Paid T. H. Dearing, medical attendance . .	\$1 34	
		1 34

Old Mrs. Sheehan (to Weymouth).

Paid T. H. Dearing, medical attendance . .	\$0 67	
		67

Ida M. Hoyt (charged to Cambridge).

Paid Mrs. A. R. Wixon, care and nursing .	\$12 00	
S. C. Bridgham, medical attendance and medicines	11 92	
G. C. Hallenbeck, burial	10 00	
Benjamin Stevens, digging grave	3 00	
		36 92
Paid A. O. Clark, cash expenses	\$21 00	
J. M. Knight, cash expenses	21 70	
J. F. Bates, cash expenses	12 50	
		55 20
		\$2,046 79

Cr.

Due from city of Brockton for Mrs. A. L. Cole	\$140 00
Due from city of Brockton for W. R. Lynch .	29 00
Due from city of Cambridge for Ida M. Hoyt,	36 92
Due from city of Chelsea for W. T. McCormick,	6 99
Due from town of Rockland for Henry Ford,	67 50
Due from town of Harvard for Maurice Gurney	12 30
Due from Randolph for Lawrence Leavett,	4 00
Due from town of Quincy for Henry Willey,	4 00
Due from town of Weymouth for John Sheehan	1 34

Due from town of Weymouth for old Mrs. Sheehan	\$0 67	
Due from town of Foxboro' for Mrs. Burke, and daughter	49 07	
Due from town of Hingham for Levi A. Bates	14 50	
Due from town of Provincetown for Lydia Peterson	21 50	
Due from State for John Robinson	14 85	
Due from State for Sarah Davidson	4 25	
Due from State for Lizzie Decost	6 00	
Due from State for Morris O'Connor	12 10	
Received from State for Jean Baptiste Ben- jamin	10 00	
		\$434 99

HOSPITALS.

Dr.

To cash paid for board of insane	\$493 24	
To cash paid for board of insane refunded (see Treasurer's account)	215 89	
Due for support of Alden Bowditch	174 55	
Due for support of Emily C. Hanson	102 80	
		\$277 35

EXPENDED ON HIGHWAYS.

Paid Thomas F. Finnegan, self, $105\frac{1}{10}$ days, at \$2.00	\$210 20	
Thomas F. Finnegan, team, 82 days, at \$1.50	123 00	
John E. Finnegan, self and team, $92\frac{1}{10}$ days, at \$3.00	276 30	
John E. Finnegan, self, $11\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50	2 25	
Andrew Dyer, self, $123\frac{17}{20}$ days at \$2.00	247 70	
Andrew Dyer, team, $90\frac{1}{20}$ days, at \$1.50	135 07	

Paid Andrew Dyer, 77 loads of gravel, at 10c.	\$7 70
Andrew Dyer, 6 cedar posts . . .	1 00
Josiah F. Holbrook, $92\frac{6}{10}$ days, at \$1.75	162 06
Josiah F. Holbrook, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, for boy .	1 13
Francis H. Thayer, $111\frac{2}{3}$ days, at \$1.50	167 50
Elmer E. Dyer, $96\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.75 .	169 30
George E. Arnold, $91\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 .	137 25
Thomas Finnegan, 4 days, at \$1.50 .	6 00
Thomas Finnegan, $24\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.75 .	42 87
Benjamin C. Bannon, 9 days, at \$1.75 .	15 75
Benjamin C. Bannon, 7 days, at \$1.50 .	10 50
Charles L. Holbrook, 4 days, at \$1.50 .	6 00
Henry Maginness, 30 days, at \$1.50 .	45 00
John Maher, $78\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	117 75
James Maher, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	2 25
James Maher, $49\frac{1}{5}$ days, at \$1.75 . . .	86 11
John McGlinicy, $52\frac{19}{20}$ days, at \$1.50 . .	79 42
Michael O'Brien, $45\frac{9}{20}$ days, at \$1.75 . .	79 52
Michael O'Brien, 34 loads of gravel, at $12\frac{1}{2}$ c.	4 25
John Rennie, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$2.00 . . .	5 00
Michael J. Sullivan, 9 days, at \$1.50 .	13 50
Lawrence A. Dyer, $59\frac{8}{10}$ days, at \$1.50	89 69
William H. Spear, $28\frac{1}{10}$ days, at \$1.50 .	42 15
Peter Donohoe, $9\frac{4}{10}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	14 10
Peter Donohoe, $18\frac{2}{10}$ days, at \$1.75 . .	31 83
Patrick Moils, $28\frac{1}{2}$ days, self and team, at \$3.00	85 50
Jerry White, $37\frac{7}{10}$ days, self and team, at \$3.00	113 10
Jerry White, 1 load of stone	25
Peter Mooney, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, self and man . .	2 25
Thomas Huston, 5 days, self and team, at \$3.00	15 00
C. H. Doane, $13\frac{7}{10}$ days, at \$1.50 . . .	20 54
C. E. Goodnow, $9\frac{7}{10}$ days, at \$1.50 . .	14 55

Paid James King, 1 day	\$1 50
John Connors, 1 day	1 50
Martin Connors, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50	2 25
George Hill, 3 days, self and team, at \$3.00	9 00
Edward Huff, $1\frac{9}{10}$ days, at \$1.50	2 85
A. W. Rowelson, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	87
Estate of Caleb Stetson, 200 loads of gravel, at 12c.	24 00
H. A. Pettengill, water pail	25
Thayer Academy, 299 loads of gravel, $16\frac{2}{3}$ c.	49 82
David Thayer, 20 loads of gravel, 6c.	1 20
Stephen Thayer, 16 loads of gravel, 6c.	96
John Maginniss, 27 loads of rotten stone, 12c.	3 24
Alva S. Morrison, 32 loads of gravel, at 12c.	3 83
I. Francis Vinton, 17 loads of gravel, at 6c.	1 02
Benjamin L. Morrison, 88 loads of gravel, at 12c.	10 56
L. Bradford Hollis, 277 loads of gravel, at 6c.	16 62
Atherton T. Wild, 24 loads rotten stone, at $12\frac{1}{2}$ c.	3 00
N. H. Hunt, 253 loads of gravel, at 8c.	20 24
S. & E. Hollingsworth, 22 loads of gravel at $12\frac{1}{2}$ c.	2 75
George W. Jones, 297 loads of gravel, at 6c.	17 82
Austin Arnold, 63 loads of gravel, at 6c.	3 78
E. F. E. Thayer, 101 loads of gravel at 12c.	12 12
S. W. Hollis, 8 loads gravel, at 10c.	80
S. W. Hollis, 63 loads of gravel, at 15c.	9 45

Paid S. W. Hollis, 12 loads of gravel, at 12c.	\$1 44
J. W. Dorety, 160 loads of stone, at 25c.	40 00
J. W. Dorety, collar for horse . . .	4 50
George Wales, 46 loads of stone, at 25c.	11 50
South Boston Iron Co., castings . . .	92 20
J. B. Rines & Co., lumber	37 30
J. F. Sheppard, coal	78 24
M. L. Tupper, drain pipe	83 34
S. W. Pratt, drain pipe	45
Edwin Menhennick, paving	53 50
J. McPhail, pole for roller	5 00
C. W. Saunders, 40 loads stone, at 25c.,	10 00
C. B. Wood-um, expressing	9 55
William H. Howard, 17 loads of stone,	4 25
W. J. Jordan, blacksmith work . . .	13 60
Robert Gillespie, blacksmith work .	12 76
Henry H. Thayer, blacksmith work .	65 96
C. G. Anderson, repairs	75 47
Hiram A. French, posts	1 98
W. H. Cobb, tools	64 60
Thomas Penniman, labor on fence .	3 00
William J. Dana, $30\frac{1}{2}\frac{3}{4}$ days' work, at \$2.00	61 30
William J. Dana, $80\frac{1}{2}\frac{3}{4}$ days' work team, at \$1.50	120 22
William J. Dana, 2 days, horse, at \$1.25,	2 50
William J. Dana, plough	7 00
Mathew Smith, $29\frac{9}{10}$ days, self and team, at \$3.00	89 70
Mathew Smith, carting 50 loads of stone, at 25c.	12 50
Andrew Gott, $20\frac{7}{10}$ days, self and team, at \$3.00	62 10
James Preston, 6 days, self and team, at \$3.00	18 00
James Preston, 2 days, self, at \$1.50 .	3 00
George E. Fogg, man and double team, 26 days, at \$5.00	130 00
George E. Fogg, man and single team, 3 days, at \$3.00	9 00

Paid George E. Fogg, man and 4 horses, 19 $\frac{3}{8}$	
hours	\$15 50
George E. Fogg, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	75
George E. Fogg, repairs in spring	3 50
Joseph M. Allen, 16 days, man and	
double team, at \$5 00	80 00
Charles I. Craibe, 1 day, man and double	
team, at \$5.00	4 87
Charles I. Craibe, 2 $\frac{1}{10}$ days, self	3 15
George J. Wright, 2 days, at \$1.50	3 00
George J. Wright, 40 $\frac{7}{10}$ days, at \$1.75, ...	70 61
Everett A. Harris, 4 days, at \$1.50	6 00
Everett A. Harris, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.75	4 37
Everett A. Harris, 5 days, at \$2.25	11 25
Everett A. Harris, powder and fuse	4 00
Robert M. Loring, 2 days, at \$1.50	3 00
Willie J. Loring, 2 days, at \$1.50	3 00
George C. Buker, 43 $\frac{3}{10}$ days, at \$1.50	64 73
Peter Lowson, 15 days, at \$1.50	22 50
Thomas Arthur, 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{9}{10}$ days, at \$1.75	94 40
Patrick Doherty, 1 day	1 50
James Chambers, 1 day	1 50
Michael Bentley, 40 $\frac{1}{5}$ days, at \$1.50	60 30
Thomas J. Griffin, 34 $\frac{7}{10}$ days, at \$1.50	52 05
Benjamin J. Loring, 20 $\frac{2}{3}$ $\frac{8}{10}$ days, at \$1.50, ...	31 40
Timothy O. Keefe, 31 $\frac{2}{10}$ days, at \$1.50, ...	46 80
John Sheehan, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50	6 75
Edward Starr, 14 $\frac{7}{10}$ days, at \$1.50	22 05
John O. Rourke, 8 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.50	13 13
George S. Baker, tools	2 40
Boston Belting Co., belt	4 68
Walworth Manufacturing Co., tools	2 46
Badger Brothers, repairs on roller	4 87
James Donaldson, 19 $\frac{1}{10}$ days, at \$1.50	28 65
Thomas Miller, 2 days	3 00
John Doherty, 6 $\frac{1}{10}$ days, at \$1.50	9 15
Charles Wilson, paving stone	140 00
C. H. Hobart, oils, etc.	13 69
George H. Arnold, carting 132 loads of	
stone, at 25c.	33 00

Paid H. M. White, powder and fuse . . .	\$2 12
J. M. Arnold, oil, etc.	4 62
Henry B. Whitman, repairs, etc. on harness	10 30
Edward Shay, blacksmith work . . .	4 65
Thomas South, blacksmith work . . .	8 76
Town of Quincy, repairs on Quincy Ave., at Hayward's Creek. . . .	126 49
George E. Fogg, repairs at Hayward's Creek	27 50
Superintendent of almshouse, board of horses	280 50
Superintendent of almshouse, building drag	1 50
Money overdrawn (see Treasurer's account)	80
	\$5,305 99

Cr. to Highways.

By labor of teams, grading yard, Union School	\$18 00
By labor of teams, grading yard, Pond School	9 00
By labor of teams, grading yard, East School, ...	4 50
By labor of teams, widening Elm Street	42 00
By labor of teams on town lands	42 00
By labor of teams, building Pleasant Street	18 00
By cash received of Joseph Winter, for loam, ...	1 50
By cash received of Dr. Clark, for gravel	10 60
By cash received of G. A., Skinner, for drain pipe	7 85
By cash received of F. Endicott, setting bounds	7 20
By cash received from sale of old plank	3 00
By cash of T. F. Finnegan, use of cart	10 00
By money overdrawn	80
	174 45
Total cost of highways	\$5,131 54

Of the above the sums expended for labor and material were as follows : —

Paid covering stone road	\$410 00
Building stone road, Adams Street	256 36
Building stone road, Washington Street	958 67
Building stone road, Middle Street	330 13
Building stone road, Front Street	287 26
Incidentals, including board of horses	676 00
Expended on general repairs	2,387 57
	\$5,303 99

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY BELONGING TO THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

One stone crusher, engine, engine house and platform, 1 revolving screen, 1 stationary screen, 1 roller, 1 drag, 1 elevator, 1 Pen nock road machine (new), 1 scraper (old), 1 pair jaw plates, 1 pair checks, 2 horses, 1 double cart, 2 single carts, 1 double harness, 2 single harnesses, 2 ploughs, 1 heavy chain, 4 hammers, 10 drills, 1 dozen shovels, 6 picks, 5 bars, and a small quantity of paving stone.

DRAWBRIDGE AND BUOYS.

Paid S. F. Whitmarsh, care of bridge	\$100 00
S. F. Whitmarsh, repairs on bridge and buoys	\$5 50
Thomas South, iron work on bridge	2 00
Thomas South, iron work on buoys	2 50
	\$110 00

REMOVAL OF SNOW.

Cash paid sundry bills	\$246 65
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WIDENING ELM STREET.

Paid Andrew Dyer, 15½ days, self, at \$2.00	\$31 00
Andrew Dyer, 28 days, team, at \$1.50	42 00
Peter Mooney, 3 days, at \$2.00	6 00
Elmer E. Dyer, 13 days, at \$1.75	22 75
T. F. Finnegan, 36½ days, self, at \$2.00, ...	73 00
T. F. Finnegan, 34 days, team, at \$1.50, ...	51 00

Paid J. E. Finnegan, 27 days, self and team, at \$3.00	\$81 00
Thomas Finnegan, $27\frac{1}{5}$ days, at \$1.75 .	47 61
Timothy O'Keefe, $11\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50 .	17 25
James Maher, 18 days, at \$1.75 .	31 50
Josiah F. Holbrook, 35 days, at \$1.75 .	61 25
C. H. Doane, 16 days, at \$1.50 .	24 00
George E. Arnold, 30 days, at \$1.50 .	45 00
Michael O'Brien, $32\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.75 .	56 87
Peter Donohoe, 17 days, at \$1.75 .	29 75
John Maher, 32 days, at \$1.50 .	48 00
William H. Spear, 11 days, at \$1.50 .	16 50
William F. Holbrook, 6 days, at \$1.50 .	9 00
John McGlinchy, 1 day, at \$1.50 .	1 50
Jerry White, $12\frac{8}{10}$ days, self and team, at \$3.00	38 40
Francis H. Thayer, 14 days, at \$1.50 .	21 00
Jerry White, 3 loads of stone, at 25c. .	75
George H. Arnold, 95 loads of stone, at 25c.	23 75
George Wales, 80 leads of stone, at 25c.	20 00
J. W. Dorety, 58 loads of stone, at 25c. .	14 50
Field & Wild, covering stones .	3 00
Lawrence A. Dyer, 13 days, at \$1.50 .	19 50
Mathew Smith, $5\frac{1}{2}$ days, self and team, at \$3.00	16 50
Thomas J. Griffin, 6 days. at \$1.50 .	9 00
Michael Bentley, 10 days, at \$1.50 .	15 00
Patrick Moils, 3 days, self and team .	9 00
Robert Gillespie, blacksmith work .	13 23
J. F. Sheppard, coal	13 42
N. R. Proctor, oil	49
Labor of highway teams, 14 days, at \$3.00,	42 00

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Cr.

To loam carted to Union schoolhouse yard . \$6 60

PLEASANT STREET.

Paid Thomas F. Finnegan, $9\frac{1}{2}$ days, self, at
\$2.00 \$19 00

Paid Thomas F. Finnegan, $9\frac{1}{4}$ days, team, at \$1.50	\$13 87	
John E. Finnegan, $8\frac{1}{2}$ days, self and team, at \$3.00	25 50	
Edward Sullivan, $1\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50	2 25	
Thomas Finnegan, 7 days, at \$1.75	12 25	
William Spear, 9 days, at \$1.50	13 50	
John McGlinicy, $2\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.50	4 13	
Francis H. Thayer, 6 days, at \$1.50	9 00	
Josiah F. Holbrook, $4\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.75	8 31	
Michael O'Brien, $2\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.75	4 82	
Michael O'Brien, 3 posts	90	
John Maher, 10 days, at \$1.50	15 00	
George E. Arnold, $9\frac{1}{2}$ days, at \$1.50	14 25	
James Maher, 4 days, at \$1.75	6 99	
Jerry White, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, self and team	1 50	
Michael Bentley, 5 days, at \$1.50	7 50	
C. H. Doane, 4 days, at \$1.50	6 00	
B. L. Morrison, 202 loads of gravel, at 12c.	24 24	
B. L. Morrison, 60 loads of stone, at 5c.	3 00	
Robert Gillespie, blacksmith work	10 73	
James Spear, damage to house, blasting, ...	1 50	
Labor of highway teams, 6 days, at \$3.00	18 00	
		\$222 24

IMPROVEMENT OF TOWN LANDS.

Appropriation	\$200 00	
Paid Thomas F. Finnegan, $3\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$2.00, ...	6 50	
Andrew Dyer, $6\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$2.00	12 50	
Josiah F. Holbrook, $3\frac{1}{4}$ days, at \$1.75, ...	5 68	
Elmer E. Dyer, $5\frac{3}{4}$ days, at \$1.75	10 06	
Lawrence A. Dyer, $\frac{3}{4}$ day, at \$1.50	1 12	
John McGlinicy, 3 days, at \$1.50	4 50	
Benjamin C. Bannon, 1 day	1 75	
Francis H. Thayer, 3 days, at \$1.50	4 50	
Thayer Academy, 48 loads of gravel, at $16\frac{2}{3}$ c.	8 00	
Highway teams, 14 days, at \$3.00	42 00	

Paid Martin L. Tupper, building fence, West side	\$20 85	
Martin L. Tupper, building fence, South side	33 05	
Martin L. Tupper, resetting fence, North side	25 89	
John Rennie, 11 $\frac{1}{5}$ days, at \$2.00	22 40	
Joseph Dyer, posts	2 09	
		\$200 89

DELIVERING LIBRARY BOOKS AT EAST BRAINTREE.

Appropriation	\$100 00	
Paid A. Mason, delivering books, packing boxes, and blanks	\$38 49	
William Kelly, carting books	37 50	
		\$75 99

PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Appropriation	\$650 50	
Paid N. F. T. Hayden, Treasurer of Trustees, ...	\$650 00	
		\$650 00

GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Appropriation	\$150 00	
Paid M. A. Perkins, Q. R.	\$150 00	
		\$150 00

BOUNTY TO C. L. HOLBROOK AND EDWARD HUFF.

Appropriation	\$250 00	
Paid C. L. Holbrook	\$125 00	
Edward Huff	125 00	
		\$250 00

ROAD MACHINE.

Appropriation	\$200 00	
Paid George Tyler for machine	\$215 00	
O. C. Railroad, freight on machine	1 60	
		\$216 60

TOWN HALL.

Paid Walworth Manuf. Co. for gasoline	\$86 04	
Walworth Manuf. Co., repairs on pipes, ...	7 73	

Paid Keeler & Co., chairs and table . . .	\$27 00	
O. M. Rogers, repairs on water pipes . . .	17 95	
O. M. Rogers, repairs on stoves, etc. . .	5 05	
F. O. Whitmarsh, repairing plastering and whitewashing	24 00	
T. B. Stoddard, labor and stock, paint- ing	46 24	
T. B. Stoddard, setting glass	1 00	
Sanborn & Damon, stove and pipe for Selectmen's room	54 25	
Sanborn & Damon, stove and pipe, la- dies' room	22 00	
Sanborn & Damon, repairs on stoves and pipes	42 30	
E. P. Hayward, tuning piano	3 00	
W. H. Cobb, tools	5 70	
Paul De Lang, repairing clock	2 00	
M. L. Tupper, repairs on hall doors	13 75	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal	52 50	
Thomas Penniman, blinds and hanging, C. H. Hobart, supplies	19 54	
M. L. Tupper, repairs on chimneys	3 12	
H. M. White, matches	15	
Charles Thayer, kindlings	60	
Bradford & Mansfield, oil, etc.	2 55	
W. A. Torrey, alcohol	80	
C. B. Woodsum, expressing	11 25	
M. Williams, kindlings	10 20	
		\$478 72

Cr.

For use of hall	\$305 70	
Due from sundry persons	44 75	
		\$350 45

JANITOR.

Appropriation	\$600 00	
Paid Charles Thayer	\$156 00	
J. R. Carmichael	444 00	
		\$600 00

ABATEMENT AND COLLECTION OF TAXES.

Paid Joseph Dyer, collecting tax of 1883 .	\$322 95	
Joseph Dyer, abatements of tax, 1883 .	9 45	
Joseph Dyer, abatements of tax, 1884 .	64 00	
Joseph Dyer, abatements of tax, 1885 .	139 16	
Susan Fall, abatements of tax, 1885 .	1 28	
Heirs of Joseph Jenkins, abatements of tax, 1885	3 84	
S. S. French, abatements of taxes, 1885,	2 56	
Estate of G. W. White, abatements of taxes, 1885	6 40	
George Cahill, abatement tax of 1885,	3 20	
		\$552 84

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

UNION, No. 1.

Appropriation	\$2,200 00	
Paid Wm. Orr, services as steward . .	\$50 00	
John V. Scollard, pay of members .	436 00	
Joseph Dyer, poll tax of 12 members .	24 00	
J. M. Allen, drawing engine to fires .	8 00	
J. W. Dorety, drawing engine to fires .	5 00	
T. B. Vinton, drawing engine to fires .	3 00	
Boston Woven Hose Co., hose . .	137 50	
William Allen, repairing foundation of house	45 00	
Thomas South, iron work	26 00	
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, coal	6 75	
H. A. Pettengill, refreshments . .	17 22	
D. J. Pierce, supplies	2 50	
S. W. Pratt, supplies	3 73	
James Wilson, supplies	1 77	
John Taylor, oil	2 41	
Geo. S. Baker, rope and wrench . .	2 57	
John Downes, labor and stock . .	4 25	
		\$775 70

BUTCHER BOY, No. 2.

Paid Louis W. Thayer, services as steward .	\$50 00	
Prescott Burnham, pay of members .	410 00	
Joseph Dyer, poll tax of 10 members .	20 00	
C. B. Woodsum, drawing engine to fires	61 90	
Boston Woven Hose Co., hose .	137 50	
A. S. Jackson, suction hose .	18 34	
A. M. Rogers, stove, etc. .	20 25	
Bradford & Mansfield, refreshments .	6 17	
M. L. Tupper, coal	5 00	
C. H. Hobart, supplies	3 91	
H. B. Whitman, repairs	2 00	
C. G. Anderson, woodwork	5 00	
T. B. Stoddard, setting glass	3 00	
J. W. Dorety, lumber and carting for platform	12 79	
		\$755 86

WAMPATUCK HOOK AND LADDER, No. 1.

Paid John H. Macandrew, services as steward,	\$30 00	
Onslow Q. Ball, pay of members .	228 00	
Joseph Dyer, poll tax of one member .	2 00	
William May, drawing truck to fires .	45 00	
Robert Gillespie, iron work	7 50	
Hollis & Weeks, refreshments	4 43	
M. L. Hobart, repairs on house	1 38	
J. M. Arnold, oil	96	
J. W. W. Rowell, grinding axes	2 00	
Paul De Lang, cleaning clock	1 00	
J. H. Macandrew, setting glass	1 00	
		323 27

ENGINEERS AND INCIDENTALS.

Paid Thomas South, services as engineer .	\$10 00
M. A. Perkins, services as engineer .	10 00
J. W. Dorety, services as engineer .	10 00
J. W. Dorety, Committee on Painting and use of team	6 00

Paid Thomas South, Committee on Hose	\$3 50	
Weymouth Fire Département, for steamer at N. L. White's	25 00	
A. S. Jackson, pipe and repairs on hose	24 00	
M. A. Perkins, services as Committee on Hose	3 50	
A. L. Hobart, conveying men and hose	5 00	
Old Colony R. R., freight on hose	40	
J. H. Macandrew, painting three houses	118 45	
J. H. Macandrew, painting fence	1 00	
C. W. Daggett, care of reservoir	1 00	
G. R. M. Bestick, care of reservoir	1 50	
Thomas Briody, care of reservoir	1 00	
D. H. B. Thayer, horse hire	1 00	
J. W. Dorety, cash paid for oil	82	
Sundry persons watching fires	28 25	
		\$250 42
Total cost of Fire Department		
		\$2,105 25

STATE AID (CHAP. 301).

Cash paid soldiers from Feb. 1, 1885, to Feb. 1, 1886, bill sent and due from State	\$1,216 75
Cash paid for January, 1885, bill sent and due	118 75
	\$1,335 50

SOLDIERS' AID (CHAP. 252.)

Paid George B. Jones	\$48 00
John Flood	70 00
Patrick Newman	44 00
Symms G. Buker	130 00
James M. Willis	20 00
Edward H. Mellus	104 00
Elihu M. Thayer	100 00
Constant S. Chandler	48 00
Edward Huff	5 00
Benjamin F. Spear	48 00
Robert A. Wilson	8 00

Paid Lawrence A. Dyer	\$20 00
Jacob C. Snow	91 00
Samuel E. Whitmarsh	148 00
	\$884 00
One half due from State	\$442 00
Due from State for January, 1885	48 50
Total due from State, Chap. 252	\$490 50

SHEDS AT ALMSHOUSE.

Appropriation	\$100 00
Paid J. B. Rhines & Co., lumber	\$100 50
Henry Gardner, labor	18 75
B. Y. Knight, labor	17 50
	\$136 75

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Appropriation	\$1,200 00
Paid Alfred Mudge & Co., printing report	\$131 20
Arthur H. Howland, surveying Great Pond and watershed	242 31
Adward Avery, counsel before Legislature	100 00
Edward Avery, professional services	85 00
Green & Prescott, printing	107 17
E. F. E. Thayer, insurance	78 78
F. A. Hobart, services and expenses as Committee on Water Supply	53 50
Exeter Machine Works, radiators and piping for almshouse	84 80
Henry Gardner, labor, piping almshouse	43 92
Samuel Henry, labor, piping almshouse, ...	9 75
P. H. Gavin, plumbing	7 02
Hiram A. French, Board of Surveyors, while surveying Great Pond	27 50
Winkley, Thorp & Dresser, stationery, ...	75

Paid Alverdo Mason, services as committee on building almshouse	\$20 00
John Stoddard, distributing town reports,	3 00
G. D. Whittaker, distributing town reports	4 00
Geo. E. Fogg, distributing town reports,	4 00
M. Williams, distributing town reports .	3 00
Little & Brown, Herricks town officer .	3 00
L. L. Bates, repairing old safe . . .	9 80
Albert Hobart, moving old safe to Library	10 00
Fred W. Barrey, books and stationery .	8 05
George H. Mason, set copper measures .	5 03
Fairbanks, Brown & Co., zinc weights .	4 25
O. P. Lappen & Co., set wooden measures,	1 75
F. A. Burrell, use of team	13 25
W. A. Torrey, postal cards and stamps for Selectmen, and School Committee,	4 50
A. J. Callahan, binding 2 volumes of town report	1 50
John Rennie, 7½ days' work, Plain Street Cemetery	15 00
Joseph Dyer, posts for Plain Street Cemetery	1 43
W. H. Cobb, wire for fence at cemetery	2 58
C. G. Easterbrook, printing for Almshouse Committee	1 50
Thomas Groom, tax book	2 00
A. W. Mitchell, police badges . . .	1 50
M. A. Perkins, services as Committee on Reservoir	1 50
Q. L. Reed, surveying Pleasant and Tremont Streets	7 50
J. E. Holbrook, refreshments for Water Commissioners	2 85
E. Wadsworth, labor on fence Plain Street Cemetery	3 00
J. L. Eldridge, professional services .	10 00
Erastus Worthington, entry of By-Laws,	1 40

Paid A. L. Hobart, use of team	\$2 00
C. H. Hobart, stationery	10
O. C. R. R., freight on pipes for alms- house	25
Henry L. Thayer, use of team	1 25
Munroe Belcher, services as special police	5 00
C. G. Andersen, services as special po- lice	5 00
James A. Reynolds, services as special police	2 00
Knights, Adams & Co., books for regis- trars of voters	1 20
C. H. Whiting, books for registrars of voters	6 25
Dr. G. W. Tinkham, returning births	2 00
Dr. S. C. Bridgham, returning births	1 25
Drs. Babbitt and Chace, returning births	1 25
G. C. Hallenbeck, returning deaths	6 00
Ford & McCormick, returning deaths	75
Samuel Curtis, returning deaths	5 50
Noah Torrey, returning births	5 50
Noah Torrey, vaccinating children	4 50
S. C. Bridgham, vaccinating children	2 00
T. H. Dearing, vaccinating children	8 34
Noah Torrey, examination and certifi- cates, 200 children	30 00
T. H. Dearing, examination and certifi- cates, at 120 children	20 00
S. C. Bridgham, examination and certifi- cates, 50 children	7 50
T. B. Stoddard, setting glass in street lamps	50
Wales Brothers, pump, South well	30 00
Wales Brothers, pump, North well	25 00
S. S. Arnold, use of team	1 25
Town of Quincy, use of lock-up	3 00
D. J. Pierce, use of telephone	15
C. B. Woodsum, expressing	2 15

Paid J. E. Hayward, renewing marks on bounds	\$3 00
D. H. B. Thayer, horse hire for Water Committee	3 75
D. H. B. Thayer, horse hire for Selectmen	3 00
D. H. B. Thayer, horse hire for Town Clerk and School Committee . . .	7 00
Samuel A. Bates, taking school census .	15 00
Samuel A. Bates, agent for school supplies, and express	21 10
Samuel A. Bates, collecting, returning, and recording 92 births	46 00
Samuel A. Bates, collecting, returning, and recording 84 deaths	18 40
Samuel A. Bates, collecting, returning, and recording 40 marriages . . .	6 00
Samuel A. Bates, issuing 87 burial permits	8 70
Samuel A. Bates, making copies of records and deeds	2 75
Samuel A. Bates, cash paid for postage and stationery	4 62
David H. Bates, cash expenses . . .	10 84
A. O. Clark, services as Water Committee	17 50
A. O. Clark, cash paid incidental expenses	29 94
J. M. Knight, services as Water Committee	15 75
J. M. Knight, cash paid incidental expenses	19 45
J. F. Bates, services as Water Committee,	7 00
J. F. Bates. cash paid incidental expenses,	8 00
	\$1,544.58

EXPENDED SURVEYING ROAD, COMMERCIAL TO ELLIOT STREET.

Paid Frederick Endicott, surveying . . .	\$69 41	
Q. L. Reed, surveying	60 50	
Henry Gardner, labor and services as commissioner	23 25	
Henry Gardner, lumber for stakes . . .	1 79	
Thomas Arthur, digging	1 75	
James Donaldson, digging	6 56	
		\$1,707 84
<i>Cr.</i>		
Town of Quincy, refunded on lock-up bill		\$1 50

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid A. O. Clark, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor	\$450 00
J. M. Knight, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor	450 00
J. F. Bates, selectman, assessor, and overseer of poor	450 00
David H. Bates, treasurer	200 00
Samuel A. Bates, clerk	50 00
Samuel A. Bates, registrar of voters . . .	35 00
Samuel A. Bates, clerk of registrar of voters	26 80
Samuel A. Bates, as school committee and clerk of same	18 75
Albert E. Avery, school committee . . .	10 00
Ann M. Brooks, school committee . . .	10 00
L. H. H. Johnson, school committee . . .	10 00
T. H. Dearing, school committee . . .	10 00
George H. Arnold, school committee . . .	12 50
George H. Arnold, road commissioner . . .	5 00
Edward Avery, registrar of voters . . .	35 00
F. A. Hobart, registrar of voters . . .	35 00
A. S. Morrison, registrar of voters . . .	35 00
A. O. Clark, highway surveyors	100 00
J. M. Knight, highway surveyor	100 00

Paid J. F. Bates, highway surveyor . . .	\$100 00
John M. Beals, auditor, two years . . .	24 00
G. D. Willis, auditor, one year . . .	15 00
Horace Faxon, constable . . .	30 00
Thomas Fallon, constable . . .	5 00
G. D. Whittaker, constable . . .	4 00
John Kelley, constable . . .	7 25
H A. Monk, constable . . .	3 50
	\$2,231 80

RECAPITULATION.

Orders drawn for schools	\$9,085 59
Incidentals for schools	233 57
Incidentals for schoolhouses	347 46
Superintendent of schools, salary	900 00
Text-books and supplies	1,034 15
Grading yard, Union Schoolhouse	202 31
Grading yard, Pond Schoolhouse	91 55
Grading yard, etc., East Schoolhouse	148 82
Repairing Iron Works Schoolhouse	95 00
Highways	5,305 99
Poor out of almshouse	2,223 56
Poor in almshouse	2,046 79
Hospitals	493 24
Fire Department	2,105 25
Removal of snow	246 65
Incidental expenses	1,707 84
Public Library	650 00
Delivering books	75 99
Janitor	600 00
Improvement of town lands	200 89
Grand Army	150 00
Bounty to C. L. Holbrook and E. Huff	250 00
Widening Elm Street	991 32
Building Pleasant Street	222 24
Road machine	216 60
Town Hall	478 72
State aid, Chap. 301	1,216 75
State aid, Chap. 252	884 00

Orders drawn for drawbridge and buoys . . .	\$110 50
Abatement and collection of tax . . .	552 84
Sheds at almshouse . . .	136 75
Town officers . . .	2,231 80
	\$35,235 67

The Auditors made the customary visit to the almshouse on the second day of February, took an appraisal of all the property connected therewith and made a thorough examination of its affairs, and find them in good order and condition.

They have carefully examined the accounts of the several town officers and find them correctly kept, each item in its proper place, and no payment without a satisfactory voucher.

JOHN M. BEALS, } *Auditors.*
 ALVERDO MASON, }

ASSESSORS' ACCOUNT.

Support of schools . . .	\$8,200 00
Incidentals for schools . . .	300 00
Incidentals for schoolhouses . . .	300 00
Text-books and supplies . . .	800 00
Superintendent of schools . . .	1,200 00
Grading yard Union Schoolhouse . . .	200 00
Grading yard Pond Schoolhouse . . .	100 00
Grading yard, etc., East Schoolhouse . . .	150 00
Grading yard, etc., Iron Works Schoolhouse . . .	100 00
General repairs of highways . . .	2,000 00
Repair and construction of stone roads . . .	3,000 00
Interest on town debt . . .	2,000 00
Town officers . . .	2,000 00
Poor in almshouse . . .	2,500 00
Poor out of almshouse . . .	1,500 00
Fire Department . . .	2,200 00
Removal of snow . . .	300 00
Incidental expenses . . .	1,200 00
Public Library . . .	650 00
Janitor . . .	600 00
Improvement of town lands . . .	200 00

Grand Army of the Republic	\$150 00
Bounty to C. L. Holbrook and Edward Huff	250 00
Delivering books from Public Library	100 00
Widening Elm Street	900 00
Printing ancient records	330 00
Reduction of town debt	1,000 00
State tax	2,790 00
County tax	1,982 24
Overlay	1,738 24
	\$38,740 48

APPROPRIATIONS NECESSARY FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

Schools	\$\$\$8,400 00
Highways	5,000 00
Support of poor	4,000 00
Removal of snow	1,000 00
Fire Department	2,000 00
Public Library	650 00
Grand Army of the Republic	150 00
Town lands	200 00
Town Hall	300 00
Interest on town debt	1,500 00
Reduction of town debt	1,000 00
Town officers	2,000 00
Incidental expenses	1,500 00
New road (Commercial to Elliot Street)	2,500 00
	\$30,200 00

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

JOSEPH DYER, *Collector for 1884.*

Dr.

Balance due on tax, 1884	\$6,068 90
Interest received on tax, 1884	175 07
	\$6,243 97

Cr.

Cash paid Treasurer, principal	.	.	.	\$5,840 00
Cash paid Treasurer, interest	.	.	.	175 07
Unpaid taxes, 1884	.	.	.	228 90
			—————	\$6,243 97

COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT.

JOSEPH DYER, *Collector for 1885.**Dr.*

To tax, 1885	.	.	.	.	\$38,744 48
To interest, 1885	.	.	.	.	27 07
				—————	\$38,771 55

Cr.

Cash paid Treasurer, principal	.	.	\$33,389 11
Cash paid Treasurer, interest	.	.	27 07
Unpaid taxes, 1885	.	.	5,355 37
		—————	\$38,771 55

TREASURER'S ACCOUNT.

DAVID H. BATES, *Treasurer.**Dr.*

Cash on hand Feb. 1, 1885	.	.	.	.	\$4,506 40
Cash received from:—					
Joseph Dyer, collector, 1883	.	.	.	.	69 13
Joseph Dyer, collector, 1883, interest	.	.	.	.	3 00
Joseph Dyer, collector, 1884	.	.	.	.	5,840 00
Joseph Dyer, collector, 1884, interest	.	.	.	.	175 07
Joseph Dyer, collector, 1885	.	.	.	.	33,389 11
Joseph Dyer, collector, 1885, interest	.	.	.	.	27 07
Joseph Dyer, treasurer Braintree school fund	.	.	.	.	250 00
County Treasurer, dog tax	.	.	.	.	489 00
Weymouth Bank, interest on deposit	.	.	.	.	167 91
J. Pickering & Moseley (borrowed)	.	.	.	.	5,000 00
N. E. Trust Co. (borrowed)	.	.	.	.	7,000 00

Cash received from State, viz. : —

Corporation tax	5,106 49
Bank tax	1,469 00
State aid, Acts 1879, Chap. 301	1,478 50
State aid, Acts 1879, Chap. 252	469 00
State school fund	189 48
Support of State paupers	19 88

Cash received from Oversers of the Poor, viz. : —

City of Brockton	156 88
City of Chelsea	3 37
Town of Holbrook	128 42
Town of Hingham	17 50
Town of Foxboro'	35 95
Town of Harvard	32 43
Weymouth	121 38
Raynham	1 45
South Abington	5 50
Provincetown	21 25
Rockland	67 50
Randolph	4 00
Weymouth	2 01
Harvard	12 30
For labor and produce at almshouse	437 05
Refunded	215 89

Cash received from Selectmen, viz. : —

Use of Town Hall	305 70
Burial lot, Elijah Penniman	5 00
Burial lot, George Wheeler	5 00
A. Greenlaw, deed	40 00
Town of Quincy, refunded	1 50
School supplies	67
Glass globe	25
W. A. Torrey, liquor license	1 00
J. E. Holbrook, billiard license	4 00
F. P. Lathrop, billiard license	4 00
F. L. Moulton, billiard license	4 00
J. W. Dolan, billiard license	4 00
Cash refunded by Surveyor of Highways	181 05

\$67,468 09

Cr.

Cash paid on 684 orders	\$35,235 67
J. Pickering & Moseley note	5,000 00
N. E. Trust Co., note	7,000 00
Boston Trust and Deposit, note	5,000 00
Boston Trust and Deposit, interest	146 66
N. F. T. Hayden, interest	400 00
W. S. Dexter, interest	400 00
N. E. Trust Co., interest	65 78
J. Pickering & Moseley, interest	87 98
State Treasurer, interest	550 00
State Treasurer, State tax	2,790 00
County Treasurer, county tax	1,982 24
Cash balance on hand	8,809 76
	\$67,468 09

BRAINTREE, Feb. 11, 1886.

We have examined the accounts of David H. Bates, Treasurer, and find them well vouched and rightly cast, and that the balance \$8,809.76, as shown, is actually on hand and deposited in the Union National Bank of Weymouth, in the name of the town of Braintree.

JOHN M. BEALS,
ALVERDO MASON,
Auditors.

THE TOWN OWES THE FOLLOWING NOTES AND
INTEREST, FEB. 1, 1886.

Trustees of estate of Gen. S. Thayer:—

March 7, 1874, at four per cent	\$10,000 00
March 7, 1874, at four per cent	10,000 00

A. W. Stetson, trustee:—

Aug. 2, 1880, six years at five and one half per cent	10,000 00
	\$30,000 00

Less assets as per schedule	16,988 19
	\$13,011 81

Net debt Feb. 1, 1885	.	.	.	.	.	\$21,701 40
Net debt Feb. 1, 1886	.	.	.	.	.	13,011 81
Net debt less than last year	.	.	.	.	.	\$8,689 59

ASSETS OF THE TOWN, FEB. 1, 1886.

Balance in treasury	.	.	.	.	.	\$8,809 76
Due from Collector, on tax of 1884	.	.	.	.	.	228 90
Collector, on tax of 1885	.	.	.	.	.	5,355 37
State, State aid (Chap. 301)	.	.	.	.	.	1,335 50
State, State aid (Chap. 252)	.	.	.	.	.	490 50
City of Brockton	.	.	.	.	.	169 00
City of Chelsea	.	.	.	.	.	6 99
City of Cambridge	.	.	.	.	.	36 92
Town of Provincetown	.	.	.	.	.	21 50
Town of Hingham	.	.	.	.	.	14 50
Town of Foxboro'	.	.	.	.	.	49 07
Town of Quincy	.	.	.	.	.	4 00
State, on pauper account	.	.	.	.	.	144 08
for board of insane at hospitals	.	.	.	.	.	277 35
for use of Town Hall	.	.	.	.	.	44 75
						\$16,988 19

BRAINTREE SCHOOL FUND REPORT.

1885.

Feb. 2, by cash on hand	.	.	.	.	.	\$99 79
By directors Quincy National Bank	.	.	.	.	.	60 00
By directors Weymouth National Bank	.	.	.	.	.	84 00
By directors Eliot National Bank	.	.	.	.	.	18 00
July 5, by S. V. Emery, for rent of house	.	.	.	.	.	5 00
Oct. 9, by E. F. E. Thayer, for grass sold at auction	.	.	.	.	.	48 25
Oct. 9, by Chamberlin, for wood	.	.	.	.	.	2 00
Oct. 9, Feltus, for wood	.	.	.	.	.	3 50
						\$320 54
Cr. by cash paid E. F. E. Thayer	.	.	.	.	.	\$5 00
Cash paid George E. Hayden for						
cutting 11 cords wood	.	.	.	.	.	11 00

Cash paid C. W. Dailey for cutting 11 cords wood	\$11 00	
Cash paid committee for three years' services	35 00	
Cash paid D. H. Bates, town Treas- urer	250 00	
Cash on hand	8 54	
		\$320 54

JOSEPH DYER.

Treasurer of School Fund.

ENGINEERS' REPORT.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF BRAINTREE:

Gentlemen, — The engineers of the Braintree Fire Department respectfully submit the following report of their doings for the year ending Feb. 1, 1886.

ENGINEERS ORGANIZED FEB. 2, 1885.

THOMAS SOUTH, *Chief.* JOHN W. DORETY, *Clerk.*
M. A. PERKINS.

COMPANIES ORGANIZED.

Union, No. 1, F. O. Whitmarsh, Foreman	50 men.
Butcher Boy, John T. Mellus, Foreman	43 “
Wampatuck H. and L., No. 1, John Ness, Foreman	25 “

ENGINE HOUSES.

The several houses are in good repair, having all been painted outside at an expense of \$122.45, and the wall of the Union house rebuilt at an expense of \$45.

ENGINES.

The apparatus of the department is all in good repair.

HOSE.

There has been 500 feet of hose purchased the past year at an expense of \$275.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We would recommend that a committee be appointed by the town to take into consideration the expediency of establishing a fire-alarm system.

We recommend that the fire engine companies be reduced to twenty men each, and the hook and ladder company be reduced to fifteen men; and that firemen receive \$15 each per year; and that the engineers be empowered to hire extra men when needed to work the engines at a fire.

We recommend that the pay of the engineers be raised to \$25 per year.

APPROPRIATIONS.

We recommend that the sum of \$2,000 be appropriated for the ensuing year, for the expenses of the Fire Department.

UNION ENGINE, No. 1.

One hand engine and hose carriage, 28 feet suction hose, 450 feet of rubber-lined cotton hose, 200 feet of leather hose, 550 feet of rubber hose, 250 feet of linen condemned hose, 8 spanners belts, 6 patent spanners, 14 old-style spanners, 2 wrenches, 2 oil cans, 5 axes, 4 fire buckets, 4 pipes and nozzles, 7 fire hats, 1 spray nozzle, 6 lanterns, 1 signal lantern, 1 pail, 1 hanging lamp, 5 lamps and brackets, 1 sprinkler, 8 spittoons, 3 fire ladders, 1 step ladder, 2 stoves, 1 coal hod, 1 black walnut table, 7 chairs, 5 collation tables, 7 horses for same, 1 dustpan, 1 feather duster, 1 shovel, 1 lifting jack, 10 settees, 1 pole for horses attached to engines, 1 large and small fire hook, 2 ropes, 6 army overcoats, 1 house ladder, 1 sponge, 1 broom, 90 mugs, 48 bowls, 6 dozen spoons, 1 boiler, 2 large knives and forks, 5 pitchers, 6 waiters, 4 dish pans, 1 mirror, 1 clock, 1 chandelier, 1 roll board, 1 ballot box, 1 cook stove, 7 curtains, 10 pictures, 250 feet of rope in tower, 50 badges.

BUTCHER BOY, No. 2.

One hand engine and hose carriage, 2-horse pole, 35 feet suction hose, 450 feet rubber-lined hose, 450 feet rubber hose, 200 feet leather hose, 250 feet rubber hose, poor, 200 feet linen hose, condemned, 150 feet linen rubber-lined, poor, 5 pipes, leading hose

branch, 5 nozzles, spray nozzle, crowbar, 2 axes, 12 spanners with belts, 4 buckets, 3 fire hats, signal lantern, 5 lanterns, 300 feet rope in hose tower, 2 wrenches, 1 house ladder, 5 fire ladders, 6 army overcoats, 2 horse blankets, 2 wheel jacks, 3 stoves and fixtures, shovel, 7 lamps and hangers, 2 oil cans, wash basin, water pail, coal hod, dustpan, 1 broom, iron sink, 8 pictures, 1 mirror, feather duster, 1 box oil can, 1 hammer, 1 ballot box, library table, 10 settees, 8 chairs, 6 spittoons, street lamp, clock, chandelier, marble slab and brackets, canvas covering, 7 curtains, 10 dining tables, 14 horses for same, suction strainer, 70 mugs, 57 bowls, $8\frac{1}{2}$ dozen spoons, 4 pitchers, 9 pickle plates, 11 salt bottles, 5 wire casters, 3 boilers, and 45 badges.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY OF THE TOWN AT HOOK AND LADDER HOUSE.

One truck, 8 fire ladders, 1 house ladder, 4 hooks, 4 axes, 4 hay forks, 18 buckets, 1 Johnson pump, 3 army coats, 1 hammer, 2 dozen hooks, 1 wrench, 1 jack, 6 lamps, 1 broom, dustpan and brush, 1 pair scissors, 2 stoves, 2 coal hods, 2 shovels, 1 pail, 7 chairs, 11 settees, 1 clock, 11 curtains, 1 table, 4 spittoons, 25 badges, 3 lanterns, 1 dipper, 1 mat, 4 ropes.

THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THAYER PUBLIC LIBRARY.

TO THE SELECTMEN :

The Trustees of the Thayer Public Library respectfully present their annual report.

The library was open during the year 255 days.

Number of volumes borrowed, 18,290.

Average per day, 71+.

The largest daily issue was on Jan. 30, 243.

The smallest daily issue was on July 16, 12.

Of books borrowed the percentage was as follows : —

History, 4+ ; biography, 3+ ; travel, 5+ ; science, 3+ ; fiction, 57+ ; poetry, 2+ ; journals, 12+ ; miscellaneous, 6+ ; reference, 4+.

Whole number of volumes in the library	7,771
Number of volumes added during the year	720
Whole number of borrowers	3,014
Increase over last year	264

The Trustees are pleased to note that the demand for solid literature is maintained, and that the interest in the library is increasing, as evinced by the large increase in the delivery, notwithstanding the fact that the library was closed for a longer period than usual during the summer vacation, preparatory to reclassification of the books.

The Trustees would recommend an appropriation of \$700, — \$450 for care and maintenance of library, \$250 for catalogue, the need of which is imperative.

The receipts and expenditures of the last year are set forth in detail in the accompanying report of the Treasurer.

By order of the Trustees,

N. F. T. HAYDEN.

ASA FRENCH,
H. A. JOHNSON,
F. A. HOBART,
N. H. HUNT,
N. F. T. HAYDEN,

FEB. 1, 1886.

Board of Trustees.

FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 1, 1885,	\$459 78	
From town Treasurer, one year's interest,		
town note, \$10,000	400 00	
From librarian, for fines and sales catalogues,	28 43	
		\$888 21

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Estes & Lauriat, for books	\$809 11	
F. Magee, for books	3 50	
J. F. Murphy, for books	12 00	
Cutter, Tower & Co., stationery	5 88	
Ward & Gay, stationery	9 90	
Green & Prescott, printing	2 75	
A. M. Arnold, incidentals	2 23	
		845 37
Balance in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 1, 1886		\$42 84

TOWN ACCOUNT.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Treasurer, amount over-expended, Feb.	
1, 1885	\$77 14
C. B. Woodsum, expressing, 1884-5	11 80
J. F. Sheppard & Sons, for coal	97 98
Underhay & Co., for oil	7 14
Masury, Young & Co., for oil	7 62

Paid T. B. Stoddard, for repairs on roof, etc.	\$38 49	
Sanborn & Damon, for repairs on furnace	9 20	
O. M. Rogers, for fixtures	3 85	
R. L. Arnold, for services classifying books, and preparing catalogue . . .	120 00	
Town of Braintree, kindlings	4 20	
Abbie M. Arnold, services librarian, one year	300 00	
		\$677 42

RECEIPTS.

Town appropriation	\$450 00	
Town appropriation	200 00	
		\$650 00
Amount over-expended on town accounts, Feb. 1, 1886		\$27 42

N. F. T. HAYDEN,
Treasurer.

Approved: ASA FRENCH, *Chairman.*
FEB. 1, 1886.

JURY LIST,

AS REVISED BY THE SELECTMEN, FEB. 12, 1886.

Charles G. Anderson.
 John M. Arnold.
 Edwards P. Allen.
 Hiram E. Abbott.
 Joseph M. Allen.
 Richard L. Arnold.
 Samuel A. Bates.
 John M. Beals.
 Elisha A. Belcher.
 John A. Brigham.
 John Cavanagh.
 Freeman G. Crosby.
 William H. Cobb.
 Henry F. Crane.
 George A. French.
 Daniel W. Foster.
 Robert Gillespie.
 Henry Gardner.
 Jonathan E. Hayward.
 Charles A. Hayward.
 Henry Hayward.
 Everett A. Harris.
 Nathaniel F. Hunt.
 Joseph H. Hobart.
 Edward W. Hobart.
 Charles W. Hobart.
 Peter D. Holbrook.
 Edward P. Hayward.
 Ellis Hollingsworth.
 Charles W. Hollis.
 Hosea Jackson.

Salmon F. Jenkins.
 Charles H. Loring.
 John H. Macandrew.
 Alva S. Morrison.
 Benjamin L. Morrison.
 William H. McEwan.
 Michael McDermott.
 William H. McGreggor.
 Marcus A. Perkins.
 Edward O. Pierson.
 Thomas Penniman.
 Josiah Penniman.
 Henry A. Penniman.
 Elbridge F. Porter.
 Isaac Porter.
 James A. Reynolds.
 John Reed.
 Russell F. Randall.
 George A. Sproule.
 Charles G. Sheppard.
 Alfred Southworth.
 Edward G. Stoddard.
 Willie H. Shaw.
 Herbert W. Stevens.
 Henry Simonds.
 Caleb Thompson.
 Charles Thayer.
 Albert N. White.
 John Whitty.
 Joseph Whiteley.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

NORFOLK, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Braintree, Greeting :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Braintree qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in Braintree, on Monday, the first day of March next, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, namely : —

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To hear the report of the several town officers, and act thereon.

ART. 3. To determine the manner of repairing the highways, town ways, and bridges for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, and also to vote on the following question as required by Chap. 54 of the Acts of the year 1881, namely: Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?

ART. 5. To see what action the town will take in relation to hiring money for any purpose.

ART. 6. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the town for the ensuing year.

ART. 7. To see if the town will accept the jury list, as made by the Selectmen.

ART. 8. To see if the town will vote an appropriation of \$150, and pay the same to the Gen. Sylvanus Thayer Post, G. A. R., for the purpose of assisting them in defraying the expenses of memorial services on Decoration Day.

ART. 9. To see if the town will vote to adopt a code of by-laws.

ART. 10. To see if the town will vote to deliver books from the Public Library to the people of the east part of the town, under the direction of the Trustees, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 11. To see how the town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Department.

ART. 12. To see if the town will provide a conveyance to carry scholars from the east part of the town to the High School, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 13. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to build the road running from Liberty and Commercial Streets to Elliot Street, as laid out by the Selectmen and accepted by the town.

ART. 14. To see if the town will vote to build Elmwood Park and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote to build Walnut Avenue and raise and appropriate a sum of money to build the same.

ART. 16. To see if the town will adopt some system of sewerage and raise and appropriate a sum of money for the same.

ART. 17. To see if the town will instruct the School Committee to employ a Superintendent of Schools, and raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for the same.

ART. 18. To see if the town will permit a private corporation, as petitioned for by F. A. Hobart and others, the right to take water from Great Pond to supply the town with water for domestic, fire, and manufacturing purposes.

ART. 19. To see if the town will take any action under the provisions of Chap. 217 of the Acts of 1885 relative to a water supply, and make such appropriations therefor as may be deemed necessary.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to extend the drain at the head of Union Street to a point beyond the railroad, and appropriate \$500 for the same.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the old road leading from the southerly side of Cart Bridge to Plain Street.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to build a bridge across Hancock Street, at the swamp above Michael Brandley's, and appropriate \$100 for the same.

ART. 23. To see if the town will repair, and keep in repair, the drain running from Washington to Hancock Streets, through land of Elijah C. Hall, while the same is used by the town, without expense or charge to said Hall, or take any action in relation thereto.

ART. 24. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 for the improvement of the Plain Street Cemetery.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote to repair the reservoir on Hobart Street, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to repair Quincy Avenue, and appropriate \$3,000 for the same.

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to repair and paint the drawbridge, and appropriate money for the same.

ART. 28. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 for the construction of a sidewalk from the post-office to the railroad crossing, Allen Street.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$150 for the completion of Prospect Street.

You are to give notice of the meeting by posting true and attested copies of this warrant in not less than nine public places in this town, seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, but make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Braintree, this twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-six.

ANSEL O. CLARK,
J. MURRAY KNIGHT,
J. FRANKLIN BATES,
Selectmen of Braintree.

MARRIAGES.

1885.		Name.	Residence.	Age.
Jan.	15.	Francis H. Thayer,	Braintree,	28
		Lucinda F. Saunders,	"	26
	20.	James J. McHale,	Stoneham,	26
		Annie E. Doherty,	Braintree,	23
Feb.	22.	George G. Tirrell,	Quincy,	32
		Angenette Thayer,	Braintree,	29
April	29.	Frederic A. Conant,	Middleboro',	25
		Susan A. Hayward,	Braintree,	22
	30.	Joseph Gunning,	"	70
		Maria Barton,	"	59
May		Patrick J. Starr,	"	22
		Annie F. Ireland,	"	20
	26.	William D. Welcome,	"	23
		Harriet E. Russ,	"	18
	31.	William F. Coram,	"	34
		Hattie F. Devoll,	"	17
June	3.	Charles G. Sheppard,	"	27
		Mary E. Perkins,	Middleton,	20
	10.	Charles D. Grady,	Taunton,	25
		Ella M. Colbert,	Braintree,	31
	24.	Clarence A. Woodman,	"	27
		Josie H. Mayhew,	"	18
	27.	Cyrus A. Crombie,	Manchester,	25
		Clara Eastwood,	Braintree,	26
	30.	William H. Nute,	Auburn, Me.,	24
		Alzora L. Mason,	Braintree,	23
July	5.	Louis J. Hart,	Weymouth,	25
		Ella E. Cronin,	Braintree,	22
	9.	Charles A. Fletcher,	Quincy,	31
		Elisa J. Harrington,	Braintree,	25
	16.	William H. Cunningham,	"	27
		Mary E. Dennehy,	"	23
	26.	Charles Packard,	"	26
		Mary A. Briody,	"	18
Aug.	7.	Warren Cann,	Newark, N. J.,	38
		Fannie M. Munroe,	Braintree,	28
	15.	Frank Peeler,	"	32
		Sarah Waters,	Cohasset,	25
	26.	Alexander Graves,	Braintree,	22
		Ginevra L. Thayer,	"	15
Sept.	1.	William A. Allen,	"	25
		Charlotte P. Edson,	"	22
	6.	Paul Dowd,	Weymouth,	24
		Teresa Quigley,	Braintree,	22

1885.		Name.	Residence.	Age.
Sept.	8.	William F. Lawford,	Gloucester,	33
		Annie G. Hill,	Braintree,	19
	10.	William H. Stevens,	"	29
		Susie M. Reed,	"	25
	13.	George Gerroir,	"	21
		Annie Levangie,	"	20
	13.	Isaac L. Jones,	"	24
		Isadora Leavitt,	"	17
	14.	George J. Atcheson,	Illinois,	60
		Minnie B. Thayer,	Braintree,	48
	30.	Fred J. Griffin,	"	21
		Josephine Huff,	"	19
Oct.	7.	Leander J. Cavanagh,	"	23
		Claudine C. Vogel,	Quincy,	26
	8.	Edward W. Murch,	Braintree,	24
		Carrie E. Nightingale,	"	24
	15.	Willis G. Bates,	Holbrook,	20
		Rosetta McDermont,	"	20
	15.	William L. Holmes,	Braintree,	29
		Rosina M. Our,	Hingham,	26
	20.	John E. Finegan,	Braintree,	22
		Margaret A. Shehan,	"	21
Nov.	12.	Nathan A. Penniman,	"	28
		Isabel M. Faulkner,	"	28
	16.	Henry G. Burnham,	"	31
		Ellen M. Sampson,	"	26
	25.	Lewis A. McGaw,	"	23
		Anna P. Blanchard,	Abington,	19
Dec.	9.	Alvin A. Pratt,	Braintree,	22
		Eliza A. Souther,	Weymouth,	19
	13.	Willard P. Brown,	Braintree,	27
		Mary J. Taylor,	"	25
	14.	Walter J. Collins,	Quincy,	24
		Nellie Dunbar,	Braintree,	18
	31.	Maurice B. Woodsum,	"	22
		Mary H. Dow,	Dover, N. H.,	22

BIRTHS.

1885.			
Jan.	5.	Mabel Dejon,	Michael and Jane.
	12.	Robert Brooks,	Robert and Jane A.
	13.	Edward Cuff,	William H. and Sarah A.
	14.	Annie Barber Lang,	Thomas and Ashie.
	31.	Mary Jenney,	Asa W. and Lydia J.
		— Campbell,	William and —

Feb. 3. — Murphy,
 6. Charles W. Holbrook,
 7. Franklin Leeds Cram,
 9. Paul Wales,
 9. — Pratt,
 10. Alfred M. Vinton,
 10. Frank P. Lord,
 10. Louisa Dalton,
 21. Emily W. Herrick,
 21. Charles H. Dailey,
 24. — Dejon,
 26. Charles H. Belcher,
 27. Katie Cronin,
 March 1. Louis N. Hathaway,
 6. Helen A. Stetson,
 6. Reginald S. Tupper,
 19. Wacław Moshnicka,
 22. John M. Gallivan,
 22. Mortimer J. Gallivan,
 22. Grace W. Dailey,
 April 3. Gracie B. Pool,
 3. Louis Loring,
 4. Archie L. Hayden,
 9. Eliza J. McDonnell,
 9. Joseph A. Carver,
 11. Fannie R. Foster,
 19. John E. Robery,
 22. Robert T. Whitmarsh,
 26. Thomas Leavitt,
 27. Alfred C. De Lang,
 May 1. Henry C. Lake,
 2. Albert R. Qualey,
 4. Agnes L. Kirby,
 4. Helen T. Waite,
 11. Thomas M. Holton,
 13. Grace M. Baker,
 13. Annie G. Baker,
 13. Flossie E. Newcomb,
 14. Viola M. Dexheimer,
 14. Mabel Jackson,
 14. Goldie E. Jones,
 15. Catherine M. Hennessey,
 17. Henrietta McManus,
 18. John P. Sullivan,
 22. Clifford M. Goodspeed,
 23. Frank S. Boyer,
 24. Kenneth Atwell,

Michael and Ellen A.
 Charles H. and Rosie E.
 Frederic A. and Esther H.
 George O. and Abbie F. P.
 George E. and Ella E.
 Elmer H. and Lucy C.
 George F. and Emma J.
 Thomas J. and Mary.
 Thos. W. and Elizabeth B.
 Charles W. and Anna J.
 Edward and Katie.
 Chas. A. and H. Josephine.
 John and Johanna.
 Emery C. and Agnes C.
 H. Alphonso and Alice E.
 William A. and Lydia A.
 Anton and Frances.
 Daniel J. and Bridget G.
 “ “
 Charles A. and Nettie M.
 Hosea T. and Clara J.
 Charles H. and Julia.
 Caleb H. and Anna F.
 James and Eliza.
 William A. and Sarah L.
 Joseph M. and Carrie A.
 John P. and Matilda.
 S. Everett and Cordelia.
 Frederic G. and Eva M.
 Paul F. and Addie F.
 James H. and Susan A. M.
 James R. and Eliza J.
 John H. and Annie.
 Ezra H. and Mary D.
 Thomas and Alphonsine L.
 Clinton L. and Grace.
 George C. and Ella A.
 George D. and Sarah B. C.
 Jacob, Jr., and Jeannette.
 Hosea and Adelaide.
 George H. and Helen M.
 John T. and Annie.
 Henry and Margaret E.
 John F. and Annie.
 Herbert N. and Carrie L.
 George S. and Louisa L.
 Walter H. and Marion.

May 24. Ethel M. White,
29. Charles A. Pace,
June 6. Annie L. Hollis,
12. Henry E. Jones,
19. Wilbur F. Thayer,
25. Edward E. Lowson,
25. Inez M. Benjamin,
July Albert E. Brooks,
7. Clarence J. Starr,
19. Ethel B. Sprague,
30. William H. Nugent,
Aug. 9. Arthur E. Starr,
10. Mary E. Dejon,
10. Maurice J. Wallace,
10. Gladys L. Bowditch,
12. Henry R. S. Vinton,
16. Henry A. Barnes,
21. — Jones,
28. Mary A. Loring,
Oct. 8. Olive H. Thompson,
22. George F. Dejon,
22. Joseph L. Dennehy,
30. Mary P. Allen,
Nov. 1. Mabel W. Richards,
4. Harriet Cole,
9. Lizzie I. Smart,
9. Joseph T. Shay,
16. Florence M. Smith,
21. John R. McDonald,
Dec. 1. John D. Dejon,
6. Edith O. Crocker,
7. Clara N. Holbrook,
13. — Stone,
15. Mary A. Ryan,
17. Edna E. Woodsum,
28. Joseph M. McRae,
28. Ethel M. Rogers,

Herbert G. and Nora L.
Charles A. and Mary A.
Joseph D. and Susie L.
George E. and Martha A.
Wilbur F. and Mabel J.
Peter B. and Susan J.
William A. and Ann.
Unknown.
Patrick J. Starr.
Charles H. and Celia H.
Michael and Margaret.
Edward J. and Mary J.
Simon and Mary.
William H. and Mary A.
Edward W. and Lula A.
Henry B. and Mary E.
Luther R. and Elizabeth.
Charles and Emily A.
Joseph and Mary.
Frank S. and Bertha W.
John and Mary.
John H. and Nellie M.
John V. and Mary C.
Arthur E. and Anna D.
Frank W. and S. Emma.
Charles E. and Susie E.
Edward and Maria L.
James F. and Nellie.
William R. and Mary F.
Joseph and Hattie.
Luther O. and Sarah J.
George H. and Sadie E.
C. Harold and Jennie B.
James and Mary.
B. Herbert and Mina E.
Augustus and Bridget A.
Orville M. and Addie M.

DEATHS.

1885.	Name and Birthplace.	Y.	M.	D.
Jan.	1. Joseph H. Packard, Braintree,	—	3	29
	7. George P. Hollis, Braintree,	59	2	28
	9. James O'Brien, Ireland, about	65		
	19. Everett R. Sawyer, Braintree,	3	4	20
	30. John W. Richardson, Mansfield,	55	10	26
	30. Anna G. Oliver, Braintree,	28	10	21

1885.	Name and Birthplace.	Y.	M.	D.
Feb.	2. S. Nelson Prescott, Maine,	41	8	—
	10. ——— Pratt, Braintree,	—	—	1
	11. Paul Wales, Braintree,	—	—	2
	13. Amos W. Stetson, Braintree,	82	9	17
	12. Adonijah Pennock, Vermont,	79	—	14
	16. Asa Mann, Randolph,	68	10	7
	16. Sophia F Haywood, Scituate,	51	1	16
	17. Mary Jenney, Braintree,	—	—	17
	22. Mary M. Peters, Scotland,	18	4	26
	25. Louisa Lombard, Boston,	5	2	24
March	3. David Thayer, Braintree,	78	4	7
	5. Mary McManus, Braintree,	—	6	16
	9. George A. Crockett, Nova Scotia,	28	—	—
	13. Charles W. Holbrook, Braintree,	—	1	7
	16. Edward Grant, New York,	41	6	28
	18. Susan Reed, Braintree,	81	6	23
	19. Charlotte Dyer, Holbrook,	80	5	25
	31. Estella C. Hearn, Brockton,	3	4	21
April	3. William Bowditch, Braintree,	50	3	14
	4. Irene N. Foss, Braintree,	52	6	8
	4. Margaret E. Stevens, Braintree,	40	10	19
	10. Mary Penniman, Braintree,	73	5	27
	11. Reginald S. Tupper, Braintree,	—	1	5
	14. Jean B. Benjamin, Canada,	98	—	—
	19. John G. W. Arnold, Braintree,	37	9	25
	22. James W. Wheeler, Chelsea,	23	11	25
	25. Sophia Hayward, Weymouth,	91	5	16
	25. Waclaw Moshnicka, Braintree,	—	1	6
May	18. John Hayward, Braintree,	56	1	10
	19. Abby A. Hayward, Middleboro',	54	3	21
	23. Marion M. Fernald, Braintree,	16	7	21
	24. Jessie M. Crockett, Braintree,	—	6	23
	30. Mary Hollis, Braintree,	80	3	9
June	19. Samuel Hayden, Boston,	80	9	24
July	3. Adin P. Wilde, Braintree,	71	4	21
	7. John Power, Boston,	1	7	4
	14. Mary E. Benjamin, Braintree,	4	4	24
	15. Harry E. Jones, Braintree,	—	1	3
	17. Nellie M. Richards, Braintree,	1	9	24
	18. Louietta Porter, Randolph,	25	7	12
	19. Harriet P. Stedman, Maine,	77	10	19
	26. Peter Dejon, Braintree,	—	7	25
	27. Kenneth Atwell, Chelsea,	—	2	3
	6. Lucy Perkins, Easton,	87	1	18
August	3. Percy C. Franklin, unknown,	—	10	—
	4. Charles W. Hollis, Braintree,	1	—	6

1885.	Name and Birthplace.	Y.	M.	D
August	4. Daniel Sullivan, Ireland,	62	—	—
	5. Nancy E. Friend, Braintree,	30	6	18
	5. Frederic A. Custance, Braintree,	—	8	5
	13. Edward H. Mellus, Braintree,	44	6	14
	16. Laura A. Hollis, Pembroke,	53	—	7
	29. Albert E. Brooks, Boston,	—	1	—
	31. Henry R. S. Vinton, Braintree,	—	—	19
Sept.	1. William H. Nugent, Braintree,	—	1	2
	6. Jennie M. Webber, Somerset,	1	5	14
	9. Nicholas Decose, Nova Scotia,	18	—	—
	10. Mary E. Dejon, Braintree,	—	1	—
	11. Frank J. H. Rhines, Boston,	19	6	3
	12. Lewis J. Dyer, Braintree,	34	3	—
	12. Benjamin Hawes, Roxbury,	68	7	3
	13. Maurice J. Wallace, Braintree,	—	1	3
	16. Samuel L. Holbrook, Braintree,	86	4	24
	17. Catherine A. Sager, Maine,	70	10	7
	26. Hannah Sampson, Carver,	78	7	25
	30. Margaret L. Hill, Braintree,	16	10	4
Oct.	6. Hannah Nute, New Hampshire,	76	—	29
	17. Nora Hennessey, Weymouth,	24	—	—
	22. Mary A. Costello, Braintree,	30	7	—
	28. Susan E. Hollis, Braintree,	57	6	28
	31. Lizzie M. Libby, Boston,	15	1	21
Nov.	14. John Robinson, England,	35	—	—
	19. Mary Penniman, Weymouth,	87	2	19
	22. Harvey Thayer, Braintree,	79	9	20
	28. Esther F. Burt, Nova Scotia,	58	4	28
Dec.	4. Jacob Buker, Maine,	82	10	2
	16. Henry Ford, Pembroke,	85	3	1
	17. Joseph H. Tuck, Nantucket,	47	1	10
	20. Michael Whearty, Ireland,	67	8	2

SAMUEL A. BATES,
Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF THE
TOWN OF BRAINTREE,
FOR THE
SCHOOL YEAR 1885-86.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

THE undersigned respectfully presents the annual report of the School Committee of the town of Braintree, for the year 1885-6.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

FUNDS.

Town appropriation for schools	\$8,200 00
Town school fund	250 00
State school fund	189 48
Dog tax	489 00
Incidentals for schools	300 00
Incidentals for schoolhouses	300 00
Incidentals for text-books and supplies	800 00
Appropriation for salary of Superintendent	1,200 00
Additional appropriation for text-books and supplies	150 00
Additional appropriation for schools	50 00
Incidentals, cash returned	92
Total available fund	\$11,929 40

EXPENDITURES.

For schools	\$9,085 59
School incidentals	233 57
Schoolhouse incidentals	347 46
Text-books and supplies	1,034 15
Superintendent's salary to Feb. 1, 1886	900 00
Total disbursements	\$11,600 77

SPECIAL APPROPRIATIONS.

For the purpose of grading the Union schoolhouse yard and repairing the fence	\$200 00
For grading Pond schoolhouse yard	100 00

For repairing Iron Works schoolhouse and grading yard of the same	\$100 00
For building a fence and grading the yard of the East schoolhouse	150 00
For shingling roof of Southeast schoolhouse	75 00
	\$625 00

EXPENDITURES.

For Union School	\$202 31
For Pond School	91 55
For Iron Works School	95 00
For East School	148 82
	\$537 68

ESTIMATES FOR ENSUING YEAR.

For schools	\$8,400 00
For school incidentals	300 00
For schoolhouse incidentals	500 00
For text-books and supplies	800 00
For Superintendent's salary	1,200 00
Total appropriations	\$11,300 00

Value of text-books and supplies on hand Feb. 1, 1886,	\$170 36
Value of text-books and supplies furnished schools during past year	1,056 59

Since the Committee presented their last report, there has been an important and radical change in the immediate direction and supervision of the public schools in Braintree. At its annual meeting last March, the town availed itself of its right under the statute to direct the Committee to appoint a Superintendent of Schools, and, at a subsequent meeting, made appropriation for the salary of such Superintendent. The Committee, acting in accordance with such direction, advertised for candidates, and in a short time received somewhere from eighty to one hundred applications. After a careful examination as to the experience, qualifications, and recommendations of a large number of the applicants, they decided to appoint Mr. J. T. Clarke, and to have him enter upon the duties of his office on May 1, 1885. Mr. Clarke came very highly recom-

mended, having been during the last five years in Chicopee, and having brought the schools of that place to a high state of efficiency.

The Committee fully recognize the fact that, under the statute, the appointment of a Superintendent in no way relieves them of responsibility ; that they are still the directing power, and that the Superintendent acts merely as their agent and under their control. While, therefore, the Committee have handed over to the Superintendent most of the routine work, the purchase and distribution of supplies, the approving of teachers' bills, the daily supervision of the schools, they have been careful to keep themselves well informed in regard to all these matters, and to have such personal knowledge of the schools as shall enable them to co-operate with and give intelligent direction to the work of the Superintendent.

It is, perhaps, too soon to pass any decided judgment on Mr. Clarke's work, but the Committee feels justified in stating that his suggestions have been many and valuable, and that his close and careful supervision has already resulted in a perceptible increase in the efficiency and work of the schools.

GENERAL CONDITION OF SCHOOLS.

The general condition of the schools is very good, and the work accomplished during the year just passed has been very satisfactory. Not only has the standard of former years been maintained, but more and better work has been made possible by changes in various directions. Efforts have been made to have a more careful grading in the different schools, and still more will be accomplished in this direction when the courses of study as lately revised go into effect. More frequent and systematic examinations have been instituted in the higher classes, which are intended not only as a guide to the teachers as to the progress of the pupils, but also as an incentive to the pupils themselves. Additional exercises have been introduced, with a view to teaching pupils to think about what they study, to think rapidly, and to give proper expression to their thoughts ; in other words, to make use of their minds, and not to be mere receptacles for what is contained in text-books. Care, too, has been taken by instruction and by text-book, as far as possible, to implant in all the pupils a taste for good reading, and to encourage those in the higher classes to gain some knowledge of English literature by outside reading. To this end, the Superintendent has been directed to make lists of books in the

Public Library which would be advantageous reading for pupils, and to have such lists brought to their attention by the teachers. The study of physiology and hygiene, this year introduced in all the schools, will, it is hoped, have an excellent effect in impressing upon the minds of the pupils the importance of good health, and in giving them a knowledge of the rules necessary to its maintenance. And, together with other things, the Committee have tried in every way to have the children taught good morals and good manners, to have brought to their attention the absolute necessity of a proper self-control, and to have inculcated in them a love of truth, justice, reverence, and of everything that goes to make up good and useful men and women.

ATTENDANCE.

The number of pupils in the schools is somewhat larger than last year. The Committee have constantly endeavored to bring in view the importance, nay, the absolute necessity, of regularity and promptness in attendance on the part of the pupils, and there has been a decided improvement in both these respects, during the past year. The improvement in regard to regularity is not so apparent on the table of statistics, on account of the scarlet fever, which has been recently so prevalent in the south part of the town, and also on account of the absences caused by vaccination. In view of the prevalence of small-pox in Canada and the consequent danger of its spreading into this country, the Committee felt obliged to see that the law in regard to vaccination was strictly enforced, and the effect was more violent than usual, some of the children being kept at home two or three weeks. Aside from these two drawbacks, the improvement has been very encouraging, and the Committee would earnestly ask the co-operation of parents and guardians in their efforts for a still further improvement during the coming year.

TEACHERS.

Frequent change of teachers, involving frequent change in methods of discipline and teaching, must always be detrimental to a school, and it has been the aim of the Committee to have as little of this as possible. They have been fortunate in this respect during the past year, comparatively few changes having been rendered necessary.

Very early in the year Miss Nye resigned her position as assistant teacher in the High School, and Miss C. M. Bassett was appointed to fill the place. Rather than lose the services of Miss Bassett, the Committee decided in November to make a slight increase in her salary and to ask the town to appropriate a sum sufficient to meet such increase. Upon the request being made, the town generously appropriated the sum asked for.

It was deemed advisable to make changes in the Iron Works Intermediate and the Iron Works Grammar, and Miss A. A. Scott and Mr. J. Edward Pickering were placed in charge of these schools respectively.

The vacancy in the Union Grammar, made at the end of the last school year, by Mr. Record's declining to serve further, was filled by the appointment of Mr. Charles W. Bean as teacher of this school. Miss Susan O. Lane was transferred from the West School to the Union Intermediate, to take the place of Miss Carter, resigned.

Miss Lucy Keith was appointed to fill the vacancy in the West School caused by the transfer of Miss Lane.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

It has been the endeavor of the Committee to keep the school buildings and everything connected with them in the best possible repair and order, in conformity with the means at their disposal. Not only is this in the line of true economy, as tending to the better preservation of the buildings, but it is in recognition of the fact that there is no more important item in promoting the good health and efficient work of both teachers and scholars than clean, well-ordered, and attractive school-rooms. The Committee have been able to accomplish very satisfactory results in this direction during the year, notwithstanding some extra expense for work not looked for at its beginning.

The present buildings are not of the highest grade; they are not supplied with the best methods of heating, ventilation, etc.; and they have not perhaps all the apparatus that could be used to advantage. The Committee, however, have not thought that the town was ready or could afford at present to go into the expense that any radical changes would involve, and, moreover, have thought that good results could be obtained for the present with-

out such changes. As the town grows larger, and the increased number of scholars makes necessary increased accommodations, it may be that the Committee will have some definite recommendations to make in this regard.

For the better accommodations of the pupils, and especially also in the interest of good morals, the Committee at the beginning of the present school year had all the out-houses thoroughly cleaned and repaired, and, with the aid of the Superintendent, have made a determined effort to keep them so, and their efforts have met with very good success.

During the coming year there will be one or two items calling for a slight increase in the appropriation for schoolhouse incidentals; for instance, the mats in all the school buildings are in very bad condition, and will have to be thoroughly renewed; most of the buildings need cases for the preservation of the books belonging to the town, and the furniture and woodwork in one or two of the buildings ought to be repaired. The outlay here will not be large, and aside from these, the Committee know of no extra expense that will have to be incurred.

GENERAL REMARKS.

At the beginning of this report will be found a statement of the special appropriations made for school purposes during the past year, and the amounts expended under each. The results of these expenditures have been for the most part very satisfactory, and permanent improvements have been made. Owing to unfavorable weather, the work on the Southeast schoolhouse has not been completed, and consequently no statement can be made of the expenditures under this head. As soon as the weather allows, the work here will be finished.

For the benefit of those who do not understand the condition of the High School, and may have been misled by occasional captious and erroneous statements in regard to it, perhaps it may be well to say that the law requires certain studies to be taught in high schools; that the studies so required are now taught in our High School, as heretofore; that though the average age of entrance is less than it was twenty-five years ago, the scholars go over as much ground and as thoroughly as in past years. The courses of study and the examination papers given will be found to bear out these

statements fully. To repeat what has been stated in former reports, the Committee would again say that, to meet the demand for entering upon a business life at an early age, scholars are allowed to graduate after completing a three-years' course, though all who can are advised to remain an additional year. Moreover, there is a high-grade Academy in the town, which scholars can enter after being in the High School one or two years, and for the establishment of which the town has paid large sums of money, so that there would seem to be no reason why the Committee should compel scholars to take studies in the High School which they could take perhaps to better advantage in the Academy.

At its last session the Legislature passed an act requiring physiology and hygiene to be taught "in all schools supported wholly or in part by public money, except special schools maintained solely for instruction in particular branches, such as drawing, mechanics, art, and like studies." In compliance with this direction, the Committee have introduced suitable text-books in the different schools. And in order to defray the extra expense thus caused they were obliged in November to ask the town to appropriate \$150 for text-books and supplies, in addition to the amount already appropriated for that purpose.

There has been much complaint in regard to the difficulties of reaching the schools where pupils live at a distance, especially during the winter months. After some consideration and discussion of the matter, the Committee have decided to recommend the town to make an appropriation to be expended at their discretion for transporting pupils to and from school.

In the report of last year, mention was made of the fact that some children were prevented from attending school by a lack of proper clothing. The Committee can only state that this trouble still exists, and repeat the hope that the town may think best to take some action in regard to it.

In many of the surrounding towns the duration of the afternoon session has been reduced to two hours, and the Committee, having been frequently urged to make this change in Braintree, have, after some thought, fixed the afternoon session of school from half past one till four, hoping thus to give the children ample time for rest and dinner without keeping them in school too late in the afternoon, and at the same time without cutting short the hours

of school to such an extent as to prevent accomplishing the work laid out for them.

Appended to this report will be found the report of the Superintendent, to which the Committee would ask the careful attention of all interested in the welfare of our schools.

L. H. H. JOHNSON,
For the Committee.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the School Committee of Braintree:

GENTLEMEN, — The first annual report of the Superintendent of Schools is herewith respectfully submitted.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Population of the town, State census 1885	4,040
Number of children between five and fifteen years of age, school census, May, 1885, males 341 ; females 364 ; total	705
Total number of pupils enrolled in the public schools during the year	835
Number under five years of age	3
Number over fifteen years of age	58
Number between five and fifteen	774
Average number belonging	611.61
Average daily attendance	542.07
Per cent of attendance	88.63
Cost per scholar based on whole number enrolled	\$11.65
Cost per scholar based on average number belonging	\$16.32

In entering upon the duties of the office to which you have appointed me, I have made it my first business to thoroughly acquaint myself with the present condition of the schools, that I might intelligently plan for their future best interests. To this end, a large share of my time during the hours of school has been spent in the school-room. In my endeavor to promote the welfare of the schools, I have studiously avoided such overturnings as would produce confusion, and in the end serve only to retard progress. I have constantly borne in mind that the best schools are those that best meet the want of the community where they exist ; that real progress in education is necessarily slow, and secured

only by persistent effort ; that the processes of improvement should be carried on intelligently, cautiously, and steadily, and that the place to begin is in the lower grades. With correct teaching and training there secured, a corresponding benefit may be expected in higher classes.

I find in the schools teachers earnest and faithful, much excellent work, and in most cases pleasant and cordial relations between teacher and pupils. There has been uniformly manifested a desire to learn of better methods, and a readiness in grasping and putting to immediate use suggestions for improvement. With few exceptions, the order in the schools is generally good, many of the teachers having learned that important lesson, that the most important element of successful management is found in keeping the children occupied and interested.

While it has been to me a pleasure to note these and other commendable features of the schools, as they show so much advancement toward the higher plane to which your efforts have been directed, and a good foundation, with conditions favorable for making the schools equal to those of any town of this character, my attention has been more especially directed, as you have expected of me, to the needs of the schools, and to determining measures for their improvement. The matters that require greatest attention are : (1) securing a greater thoroughness in the elementary work ; (2) more uniformity in the work of corresponding grades ; (3) more systematic work in some of the branches taught, as Language, Drawing, and Penmanship ; and (4) a more careful classification.

The revised course of study which you have just adopted and ordered to be embraced in this report will be found an important auxiliary in accomplishing desired results. The limits designated will show the teachers the amount of work expected in each grade, and will curb the tendency to advance too rapidly, and so lead to more thorough work. This course has been prepared with great care, and is believed to be well adapted to the present condition of the schools. Reading, Writing, Language, oral and written, and Arithmetic must always hold prominent places in the work of the elementary schools, as being not only the most useful, but as constituting the foundation work of all higher attainment. By following this course the idea of number will be developed in regular and logical order ; language lessons, with writing, are begun at the out-

set and continued throughout the course, nearly every exercise of the school aiding in cultivating the power of expressing ideas correctly and with facility. The prominence given to oral and written exercises, so far from detracting from the general advancement, will be found to be an important aid, giving a more ready and correct expression in all recitations; all other subjects usually belonging to these grades will receive due attention. The changes in the High School curriculum provide for a course in American and English Literature, to give the students some knowledge of authors and books; and a thorough drill in the most practical processes of Arithmetic during the last term of senior year.

The nearest approach to regular gradation in the elementary schools appears in the Pond and Union Schools, where are the pupils of two years, or grades, in each room. In the Iron Works School, the eight grades are in three rooms, while in the East School the eight grades are in two rooms. In the out-districts the schools have classes ranging from beginners to the eighth grade. No part of the work of supervision requires more careful judgment and discrimination than the matter of grading and promotions. The greatest care should be exercised to avoid injustice to individual pupils. Nothing is more unfortunate for a pupil than to be classed above his attainments, to be in a class the work of which he cannot by his best efforts do well, mastering the daily lessons; it is not only discouraging, but a waste of time, and, what is worse, fruitful of bad habits of mind and study. A course of study is necessarily made out for the average healthy pupil. Many at some time are deficient in bodily health or mental quickness to an extent to retard progress, making it advisable to repeat a year's work. The general welfare demands a regular gradation of classes, and pupils who at any time show clearly the ability, mental and physical, to advance more rapidly, should be encouraged by promotion to a higher grade, while others who, through irregularity of attendance, necessary or otherwise, indolence or inability, fail to do the work of their class, and so become a hindrance to others, should be removed, in justice to themselves as well as the class, to a lower grade. Those who are not present enough to follow the work of the class, and keep up an interest in the subjects of study, cannot be expected to hold their places. It usually happens that those most absent are those who most need the every-day drill, and who can least afford to lose any part of the work. Failure to maintain

one's rank is always to be regretted. If pupils, parents, and teachers, knowing of deficiencies, all unite in effort to hold pupils to their work, instances of degrading will become rare. To drop one study and take a partial course, although sometimes advisable, is to be deprecated. All irregularity tends to diminish interest in school work.

In *Number*, the first instruction should not only be adapted to the condition of the young children, but the best preparation for the work which is to follow. Children acquire the first ideas and processes very slowly, and should be allowed to advance only as familiarity with and facility in each step is acquired. So much time is devoted to arithmetic that there is danger of its becoming distasteful, and the hour of study and recitation spent in going through the processes in a mechanical way, with no further interest than to accomplish the allotted task. This can be avoided only by making the work real and practical, — not so much book, — but something that has to do with real life. There are parts of arithmetic on which much time is often spent to little purpose, which could be left to advantage until the subject is again taken up in the latter part of the High School course, when with a knowledge of Algebra, Book-keeping, and Geometry, these topics would be readily grasped and mastered.

In *Reading*, I find good work in many of the schools. To read well, there must be an intelligent appreciation of the sense and spirit of what is read. If the children are taught from the start to read from the thought, and the exercise never allowed to degenerate into a process of mere word-pronouncing, an easy, natural utterance will become a fixed habit. I find many classes attempting to read matter that is wholly beyond their comprehension. They have read the lower books of the series, and have been supplied with higher numbers, which are found altogether too hard. The old plan of keeping children a prescribed length of time in one reader, reading and re-reading until the matter is memorized and all interest is lost, too often leads to habits of inattention and carelessness. One series of books is not sufficient. The additional sets for supplementary reading which you ordered in September are doing excellent service, but they are not enough to meet the wants of the classes. There is need of several additional sets of easy reading suited to the capacity of each of the lower grades. It is interesting to notice the eager pleasure shown by

the children on receiving a supply of fresh reading books. Under the impulse of the freshly awakened interest, we find natural and animated tones taking the place of the halting, stumbling attempts to read the too difficult matter. The Animal Series are a special delight. The regular series of readers should be used for thorough drill in all that pertains to good reading ; the additional sets are for reading at sight, to extend vocabulary, to lead to ease and fluency, and to awaken an interest in reading. It is well to remember in this connection that there are possibilities in the school life of the children reaching far beyond the routine work of text-book reading, a work no less than inspiring the pupils with a genuine love for instructive books. The teacher should be a reader, acquainted with books, and competent to direct how and what to read.

The Public Library and the schools should have most intimate relations. I hope at no distant day to present to your consideration some plan for bringing the pupils of the High and Grammar Schools, at least, into closer relations with the library.

The supply of maps and books of reference is very limited in the school-rooms. These are important to enable the teachers to deal in the most practical way with the different subjects of study. The ability to use intelligently books of reference and similar helps to knowledge, with the habit of so doing, is of no little importance as an educating influence.

Drawing is mentioned in the statutes as one of the regular branches to be taught in the schools. In industrial pursuits the advantage of even a moderate skill in drawing is beyond question. It is of value in all the mechanical trades, to say nothing of it as an element of culture, and the pleasure to be derived from a trained hand and eye. It will require no little attention on the part of the Superintendent and teachers to systematize the work in this department and bring about anything like satisfactory results.

Penmanship receives a due share of attention in most of the schools, and in some commendable results are reached. There is room here, however, for great improvement.

Some attention is given to *Singing* in many of the classes, but the efforts are confined to teaching by rote a few pleasing pieces. It would be time well spent if sufficient attention were given to secure some degree of vocal training and a knowledge of the simplest elements, with the ability to read music at sight. In no way can these results be so economically accomplished as in the public

schools. The excellent course of lessons in the High School by Mr. E. P. Hayward is a step in the right direction, and it is hoped that the instruction will be continued.

An important feature in the conduct of the schools is the *Teachers' Meetings*. These have been frequent, fully attended, and fruitful of results. Usually the meetings are in grades, at which some special feature of the every-day work of one grade is considered. Teachers enter freely into the discussions, asking questions, reporting difficulties met in their work, and expressing their own thoughts on subjects under consideration. Reports are made of methods and management observed in other schools recently visited, or of thoughts gathered from educational reading, and attention is called to special points which seem practicable for use in our own schools.

Educational Journals. — It is worthy of note that many of our teachers are subscribers to some educational journal. The progressive teacher is interested by study and investigation to have a good knowledge, not only of each subject he is teaching, but also of the methods employed by others in teaching it. Next to observing the act of teaching a subject, there is nothing better than reading what others say about it. We have now journals which discuss every phase of educational work of the several grades, and no teacher who hopes to keep abreast of the times can afford to do without the inspiration and aid so easily available. While it is of prime importance that teachers be thoroughly in earnest and faithful in their work, it is also important that they be wise in a knowledge of the ends to be reached and the methods to be employed to reach the desired ends.

The *schoolhouses* are in most respects in a fair condition and will require no great outlay in the immediate future. In several of the rooms the furniture has been, at some time, subjected to great abuse, and is not now in suitable condition. During the next long vacation the desks in several of the rooms should be repaired, and newly dressed. This can be done at moderate cost. At the Union and Pond buildings the hard finishing woodwork should be dressed over, as a matter of preservation. This has not been done since the first dressing at the time they were built. In the Union building the class-rooms are large and pleasant, but the halls and cloak-rooms, on the second floor, are of very narrow limits. This is unfortunate, for it is difficult to secure orderly general movements

in so limited space, and to properly accommodate all with cloak-room conveniences. It would be easier to properly protect this property were the grounds enclosed by a fence. Open as they now are and made a play-ground by the boys of the neighborhood, it is not easy to secure the buildings from trespass and injury. Provision should be made for completing the grading of the grounds at the Pond School during the summer.

The out-buildings, which were put in a neat condition in the summer, have been generally well cared for. The furniture and surroundings of the children during their school life should be such as to favor neatness, self-respect, and purity, and to inspire a due regard for public property. Everything should be put in convenient and orderly condition, and required to be kept so.

Cases for Books. — Now that the books are owned by the town, there should be some provision made in each building for their proper preservation when not in use. A small case in each room would be more convenient than one large case designed to accommodate the several schools in a building. Some of the rooms are already provided for, while others have no suitable place to keep the books. I would also call attention to the fact that not one of the schoolhouses is now provided with mats. In making up the estimates for the expenses of the coming year, I would respectfully suggest that these several matters receive due consideration.

The following table of statistics shows a good per cent of attendance in a few of the schools; in the High School, the average is quite remarkable, considering the long distance many have to go to reach the school. In several of the schools the average has been greatly reduced during recent months by illness among the children. In the matter of tardiness, the registers in some schools give a bad record. The habit of tardiness should be corrected. As a rule, children who can go to school can be there on time. To promote habits of promptness and regularity is an element of training not to be overlooked by the teacher.

The evil of truancy is not prevalent in our schools. In the early part of the year a few boys caused some annoyance by frequent unnecessary absence, but the worst cases moved from town, and the others have become, through close following up, comparatively regularly in attendance.

An imperfect enrolment of the children of school age is so often made, it is gratifying to have a full and accurate record. This is

an important aid in carrying out the provisions of the statute in reference to school attendance. Our acknowledgments are due to the enrolment officer for a complete and painstaking enrolment. One table of results I append to this report.

In the school-room, the important ends to be reached are "useful knowledge, correct methods of thinking and acting, and right training of the faculties." The child should receive a happy impression of school life, should find a pleasant, attractive place, with occupations so various as to keep the little hands and mind busy and interested, — occupations that tend to develop the perceptive faculties, awaken thought, and lead to ready expression of thought. In all school work, in every branch of study, and in every recitation, the teacher should have in mind the end to be secured, and the most practical and the surest way to reach that end. There should be a wise discrimination between the important, what is to be mastered, and the non-essential points of every lesson. It is in the power of teachers to inculcate habits of civility and politeness, to cultivate habits of punctuality, order, system, obedience to law, industry, and responsibility; in short, to exert an influence which shall be a guiding power, not only in the school-room, but in all the relations of life. The future of those intrusted to our charge depends much upon the foundation of character and scholarship laid in the public schools. No public interest has a warmer place in the hearts of the people than the schools, and they demand on the part of all in any way connected with their management an earnest purpose to carry them to the highest point of efficiency. This will be the work of time, and can be accomplished only by constant and persistent effort.

Allow me, in closing, to express to you acknowledgments of generous support and uniform consideration, and through you to thank teachers and all others who have aided my efforts by hearty co-operation and words of encouragement.

J. T. CLARKE,

Superintendent of Schools.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE SCHOOLS.

	Whole Number Registered.	Average Number Belonging.	Average Attendance.	Per cent of Attendance.	Per cent of Absence.	Average Number of Tardinesses to each Pupil.
High School	106	67.92	67.07	98.75	1.25	.25
Pond Grammar.....	39	35.88	33.55	93.51	6.49	3.64
“ Intermediate.....	41	27.40	24.28	88.61	11.39	1.26
“ 1st Primary	32	26.48	22.85	86.29	13.71	12.84
“ 2d Primary.....	67	48.80	40.06	82.09	17.91	4.24
Union Grammar.....	45	39.74	36.09	90.81	9.19	3.70
“ Intermediate.....	40	32.25	28.92	89.68	10.32	5.44
“ 1st Primary.....	47	36.18	31.72	87.67	12.33	4.34
“ 2d Primary.....	49	35.87	28.36	79.	21.	4.
Iron Works Grammar.....	43	24.30	23.42	96.38	3.62	7.
“ Intermediate.....	50	36.33	29.55	81.34	18.66	8.
“ Primary.....	67	40.18	35.03	87.18	12.82	1.6
East Grammar.....	26	24.45	22.07	90.27	9.73	5.83
“ Primary.....	38	31.38	25.99	82.50	17.50	3.60
Middle Street.....	37	29.78	27.51	92.34	7.66	3.80
Southeast	18	15.12	13.90	91.93	8.07	1.20
South.....	46	34.39	29.45	85.63	14.37	2.63
Southwest	21	13.21	12.16	92.05	7.95	2.17
West.....	23	11.95	10.09	84.43	15.57	3.83
Total	835	611.61	542.07	88.63	11.37	

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AGES OF PUPILS BETWEEN FIVE AND FIFTEEN.

SCHOOLS.	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	TOTAL.
Union	11	18	24	13	15	23	19	16	21	14	174
Pond	13	12	19	15	17	22	21	12	19	19	169
Iron Works....	8	8	8	10	16	13	13	14	7	22	119
East	8	10	8	4	11	8	6	9	13	5	82
Middle	2	7	6	4	7	4	4	7	7	7	55
South	6	8	6	3	7	3	6	5	4	5	53
Southeast	3	2	2	1	5	2	3	2	2	1	23
Southwest	1	3	3	1	0	2	1	4	0	1	16
West	0	1	2	1	1	2	3	1	1	2	14
Total.....	52	69	78	52	79	79	76	70	74	76	705

In the following course of study an outline is given of the amount and kind of work to be done in each grade, with suggestions to aid in the work assigned. The limits indicated, though not intended to be arbitrary, are thought to be what ordinary classes will easily reach. More minute directions and suggestions will be given in the class-rooms and at teachers' meetings, when comparisons of methods and results will be made. In the appendix will be found some general suggestions applying to the work in all grades, and which should be consulted in connection with this course.

In arranging this course valuable suggestions have been received from several excellent courses of study of other towns and cities.

COURSE OF STUDY.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

FIRST YEAR.

Reading. From blackboard, chart, and one half of First Readers ; words at sight and in easy combinations, phrases and sentences, other than object words, by association and repetition. Teach children to look sentences through, then to read right off as if talking, thus securing an easy, natural expression.

Language. Cultivate power of expression. Lead pupils to tell what they know in correct language. Use and require complete sentences in asking and answering questions. Capitals, periods, question and exclamation marks.

Writing. Copy on slate, in script, words, letters, sentences, securing legibility as soon as possible.

Number. Develop idea of number, combinations (parts) from 1 to 10, using objects and numeral frame.

Drawing. Slate and blackboard, lines and combinations into plain figures. Drawing cards, first series.

Oral Lessons. On common objects, body, color, form; morals and manners, physical exercises, memory gems, singing.

SECOND YEAR.

Reading. Finish First Readers; supplementary reading. Insist on clear and distinct utterance. Bring out the thought.

Language. Continue work of first grade; sentence writing, simple descriptions of objects, actions, and pictures; spelling by sound and by letters words from reading lessons and from language of school-room.

Writing. On ruled slates or paper, copies of words and sentences, days of week, names of months; names and address, with punctuation. Teach form of letters, position, and holding pencil.

Number. Combinations to 20. Tables through 5; small columns added and subtracted on blackboard and slate.

Drawing. Continue work of previous year. Cards, first series.

Miscellaneous. Extend previous work: Animals, trees, coins.

THIRD YEAR.

Reading. First half of Second Reader, and suitable supplementary reading.

Number. Combinations to 50; writing and reading numbers to 1,000; mental examples; slate and blackboard exercises; have pupils make up examples. Teach inch, foot, yard; halves, thirds, fourths, by objects only; tables through 10; Roman numerals to L. Primary Arithmetic in hands of teacher.

Language. Different forms of sentences; simple plurals, hyphen, contractions. Review and continue previous work.

Spelling. Words from lessons ; keep list of mis-spelled words for frequent reference ; written more than oral.

Writing. On spaced paper copies from blackboard ; copy book, pencil, series B.

Drawing. Slate and blackboard ; cards, second series.

Oral Lesson. Points of compass ; valleys, hills, rivers, etc., illustrated by local surroundings ; maps of school-room and yard. Primary and secondary colors ; forms, qualities, trades and occupations. Review and extend body lessons.

FOURTH YEAR.

Reading. Complete Second Reader ; supplementary reading.

Number. Primary Arithmetic ; secure readiness in four simple rules ; short division only. Test preceding work and continue combinations. Notation and numeration to 10,000. Roman notation to C. Very simple concrete illustrations of fractions.

Language. Written exercises daily ; combine sentences, making little compositions ; preserve some exercises. Aim at following results : facility in oral and written expression of thought of what they read, in describing objects and actions, pictures, stories from pictures, etc.

Geography. Primary text-book, fifty pages ; use globe and maps. Draw map of Braintree and of Massachusetts.

Spelling. Continue work of Grade III.

Writing. Spaced paper and copy book C.

Drawing. Cards, as in Grade III.

Oral Lessons. Bones of the body, color, forms.

FIFTH YEAR. — INTERMEDIATE.

Arithmetic. Elementary to p. 78, with much practical work outside of book ; drill in mental exercises ; addition of ledger columns ; notation and numeration to 1,000,000, Roman notation to D. Encourage original work in bills.

Reading. Third Reader and supplementary reading.

Language. Teach use of quotation-marks, apostrophe, comma after yes and no ; continue previous work. Copy exercises into blank books.

Geography. Complete primary text-book. Outline map of New England States.

Drawing. Drawing Book No. 1 ; extra work on paper and black-board.

Penmanship. Short Course Nos. 3 and 3½. Ink.

Spelling. Word Book to Lesson 80.

Physiology. Bones of body, muscles, skin.

Oral Lessons. Form, color, shades.

SIXTH YEAR. — INTERMEDIATE.

Arithmetic. Elementary to p. 115 ; special drill in common and decimal fractions and simple examples ; daily exercises in practical ; mental examples ; addition of ledger columns.

Reading. Advanced Third Readers, Primary History of the United States, and supplementary reading.

Language. Review previous work ; teach comma after address and words in series ; preserve in exercise books simple reproductions, dictations, short stories, etc. ; simplest form of letter writing.

Geography. Large text-book, essential facts only ; simple definitions ; North America, United States, with map drawing.

Drawing. Drawing Book No. 2 ; extra work on paper.

Penmanship. Short Course, Nos. 4 and 5.

Spelling. Word Book, Lesson 80 to 145.

Physiology. Review work of Grade V. ; organs of sense.

Oral Lessons. Continue form ; color.

SEVENTH YEAR. — GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Arithmetic. Written Arithmetic to percentage ; aim to cultivate reasoning faculties ; reach results mentally as far as possible.

Language. Language lessons ; parts of speech, gender, number, and case ; comparisons ; analysis of simple sentences ; dictation of various exercises to show uses of common punctuation ; letter writing, business forms, telegrams ; compositions from schedule of topics ; paragraphing. Secure order and neatness in work.

Geography. Review, and advance to p. 82 ; map drawing.

Reading. Fourth Readers and supplementary reading.

History. United States to period of Revolution.

Physiology. Review ; the heart and circulation, the lungs and respiration.

Drawing. Books Nos. 3 and 4 ; construction.

Penmanship. Books Nos. 3 and 4, large series.

Spelling. Pages 43 to 91, Word Book.

EIGHTH YEAR. — GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Arithmetic. Percentage to cube root ; reviews.

Language. Analysis and construction, with diagrams ; principles of syntax, voice, mood, and tense ; auxiliaries. Make every lesson contribute to correct language. Dictations, reproductions, abstracts, and compositions.

Reading. Fourth and Fifth Readers, with suitable supplementary reading.

Geography. Complete text-book ; general reviews by topics.

History. To present time ; reviews.

Physiology. Digestive organs, the nervous system, fermentation, distillation, narcotics.

Drawing. Books Nos. 5 and 6 ; construction.

Penmanship. Books Nos. 4½ and 5.

Spelling. Word Book from p. 91.

HIGH SCHOOL.

DAILY SESSIONS FROM NINE TO TWO.

First Year. — First Term.

Algebra, Language, Rhetoric (American authors, one lesson a week throughout the year), Physical Geography.

Second Term.

Algebra, History of England, Physics.

Second Year. — First Term.

Geometry, General History (American authors, one lesson a week throughout the year), Chemistry.

Second Term.

Book-keeping, General History, Civil Government.

Third Year. — First Term.

Physiology, English Literature, Astronomy and Geology (Familiar Lectures).

Second Term.

Botany, English Literature, Arithmetic.

Pupils of the first and second years who expect to leave school can take Arithmetic with senior class.

Compositions and declamations, monthly, three years.

Writing, weekly, three years, copy books, Nos. 6, 7, and 10.

Drawing, weekly, three years, books Nos. 7, 8, and 9.

Latin, elective, three years. French, elective, two years.

School drill in mental arithmetic in general exercises.

Rhetorical exercises with reference to authors.

APPENDIX.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS.

Reading. In reading sentences, the thought should be in the mind before the words are uttered. Phonic exercises are to be used to secure clear articulation. Attention should be given to all new and difficult words of a reading lesson before reading, and that pupils thoroughly understand what is read. Naturalness is secured by much easy reading. Constant attention should be given to proper position and holding the book. Good reading involves the ability to comprehend the thought of the author and the mastery of the vocal organs; hence, no training can be successful which does not embrace both the thought and the expression of the thought.

Language Lessons. Cultivating the power of expression and accustoming the pupil to the use of good language are to be a daily exercise, systematic and progressive. Every branch of study contributes materials for lessons in language.

Arithmetic. In the fundamental processes of arithmetic, thoroughness is indispensable. Objects are presented to the senses of the child to secure clear ideas of the numbers, and to suggest by proper handling of the objects the desired mental results. Exercises, both oral and written, should be given daily until pupils become accustomed to compute rapidly and accurately. Principles should be illustrated and made clear by problems solved by the pupils before the subject is taken up in the text-book.

The Primary History is to be used as supplementary reading in the sixth grade, to familiarize pupils somewhat with the vocabulary of history before taking up the subject as a study. Do not

dwell upon minor points ; make leading facts stand out in bold relief. Encourage outside reading. Create, if possible, a taste for historical literature. Discourage verbatim recitations.

Geography. An intelligent knowledge of geography cannot be acquired by merely memorizing geographical details. The facts relating to form, motions, surface, climate, distribution of animal life, the manners, customs, occupations, governments, and religions of men, to be remembered, must be made real and interesting by association. Map drawing is to be used as a means of aiding to fix in the mind essential facts.

Penmanship. Copies on blackboard or slate should be in conformity to the system of penmanship in use. Neatness and precision should be insisted upon in all written work. To give ease and freedom of movement, frequent drills in ovals, slides, etc., are important. Insist upon correct pen and pencil holding at all times.

Physical Exercises, in some form, should be given near the middle of each half session, in all the elementary grades. To be of benefit, they should be brief and lively, performed with precision and uniformity.

Memory Gems. Once a month, require pupils to commit to memory a choice selection of prose or poetry, brief, suited to the age and capacity, and worth remembering.

Text-books are valuable as aids and guides, but the subject is to be taught rather than the text-book. Printed questions aid the pupils in learning lessons, calling attention to most important facts and principles, but in recitation the skilful teacher will not be confined to them. Skill in questioning is an important element in a good teacher. From the lowest to the highest grade instruction should be made practical, and every subject real by vivid illustration, so far as practicable by visible objects.

RULES FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE SCHOOLS.

SCHOOL YEAR.

SECTION 1. The school year shall consist of forty-three weeks, including three vacations, viz., one week at Thanksgiving, one week at Christmas, and one week at Fast; and shall commence the first Monday in September.

SESSIONS.

SECT. 2. The schools are to kept on the first five secular days of each week, and at no other time.

School hours shall be from nine to twelve o'clock in the morning, and from half past one to four in the afternoon.

In extremely inclement weather the schools may have but one session; yet, if possible, the teacher must consult the Superintendent or local committee.

PUNCTUALITY OF TEACHERS.

SECT. 3. Teachers must be at their school-rooms fifteen minutes before the time of opening the school in the morning, and commence and close the school at the prescribed hour, the record of attendance to be made at the time of opening.

DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES.

SECT. 4. The morning exercises in all the schools shall commence with the reading of the English Bible by the teacher, without comment.

SUSPENSION OR ABRIDGMENT OF SESSIONS.

SECT. 5. Teachers shall not suspend their schools, nor change the school hours, except by permission of the Superintendent or local committee; nor must any recess exceed fifteen minutes; neither shall any pupil be deprived of a recess as a punishment.

PUPILS TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

SECT. 6. Teachers shall require pupils, when dismissed, to leave the schoolhouse and grounds immediately, and proceed to their homes, unless otherwise ordered by their parents or guardians.

PRINCIPALS.

SECT. 7. When two or more schools are in one building, the teacher of the highest grade shall be regarded as the principal of said schools, subject to the general direction of the Superintendent and Visiting Committee, for the purpose of having general oversight of the buildings and grounds, and the other teachers shall be regarded as assistants. He shall prescribe such rules for the use of the yards and out-buildings as shall insure their being kept in a neat and proper condition, and shall be held responsible for the observance of the regulations of the Committee relating to school buildings.

ROOMS, GROUNDS, ETC.

SECT. 8. Teachers shall see that their rooms, grounds, and all that pertains to the school premises are kept neat and in good order during term time; and no teacher is permitted to perform any work not belonging to the duties of the school in school hours.

SUSPENSION OF PUPILS.

SECT. 9. For violent or gross opposition to authority, or when the conduct of the pupil either in or about the building is such that his example is injurious to the other pupils, the teacher may suspend such pupil; but the case must be reported forthwith to the Superintendent or local committee for advice and direction, and at the same time notice must be given to the parent or guardian.

SUBSTITUTES.

SECT. 10. No substitute shall be placed in a school by a teacher without the approval of the Superintendent or subcommittee.

VENTILATION.

SECT. 11. Teachers shall take special care at all times that their rooms are properly ventilated. When there is no other efficient means for ventilation, the windows shall be thrown open for a few minutes at each recess, so as to change the air of the school-room.

DAILY RECORDS AND EXAMINATIONS.

SECT. 12. Daily records of recitations in arithmetic, grammar, history, and geography shall be kept by the teacher.

Four times a year, in the last month of each half-term, all the classes in all the schools above the grade of primary shall have written examinations by the teachers, and the examination papers shall be kept on file for the inspection of the Superintendent, Committee, or parents of scholars above primary grade.

Whenever any pupil shall unnecessarily be absent from the examination of his or her school, such pupil shall not be permitted to re-enter any school in town except by consent of the Superintendent or subcommittee.

ATTENDANCE.

SECT. 13. No child shall be admitted to our schools under five years of age. All pupils must attend the schools to which they are assigned, unless otherwise directed by the Committee.

PROMOTIONS.

SECT. 14. Pupils may be promoted at the commencement of any term, provided the parents are willing, and the pupils are able to recite in the lower class, also, till the lessons which were passed over in the promotion be made up. But each case must be decided by the Committee.

No scholar shall be degraded or put into a lower class without consent of the Superintendent with the concurrence of the Committee.

DAMAGE.

SECT. 15. Any damage done to a schoolhouse, the furniture, or any part of the premises, must be paid for by the parent or guardian of the child or children doing the damage.

GRIEVANCES.

SECT. 16. Whenever any parent or guardian shall feel aggrieved by the conduct of any teacher, the cause of grievance must either be removed by a private interview with the teacher, or be reported to the Superintendent or local committee.

TEXT-BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

SECT. 17. Teachers shall exercise proper care of the text-books and supplies furnished their classes, and pupils must be held strictly accountable for all damage done to the same. Text-books shall be

labelled "Property of the Town of Braintree," before taken from the Superintendent's office, and shall be numbered and charged to the pupils to whom they are loaned. Pupils may take the books home for study, with the consent of the teacher, but not to retain them during vacation. At the close of the year, teachers shall make careful returns to the Superintendent of the number and condition of these books.

REGISTERS.

SECT. 18. The school register prescribed by the statutes of the Commonwealth shall be faithfully kept, and at the close of the financial year of the town, shall be returned, duly filled, to the office of the School Committee.

TEXT-BOOKS.

SECT. 19. The text-books used and the studies pursued in all the public schools shall be such only as have been prescribed or assented to by the Committee.

VIOLATION OF RULES.

SECT. 20. Any violation of these rules by a teacher shall be considered sufficient cause for dismissal.

JANITORS.

SECT. 21. The janitor's duties shall consist in keeping the school-room well heated, swept and dusted twice each week, the out-buildings in a clean condition, the cellars and yards free from rubbish, and the snow promptly removed from all walks and steps. He shall immediately report any damage to schoolhouse or out-buildings to the Superintendent or local subcommittee, and shall receive such compensation as may be agreed upon.



